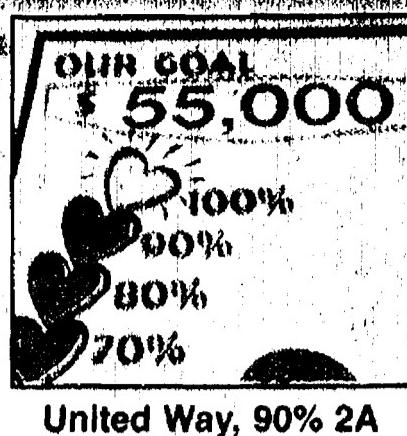




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## Postage increases approved

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Just in time for those post cards from vacationing loved ones, neighbors and friends, the United States Postal Service (USPS) will increase postage rates this summer.

The USPS cites declining revenue and several million dollars in costs resulting from the September 11 terrorist attacks and subsequent anthrax mailings as reasons for the rate increase. The mail service expects an estimated \$1.35 billion loss this year alone.

The following postal rates will go into effect sometime this summer, probably around the end of June:

- First Class stamps will increase from 34 cents to 37 cents;
- Post Card will cost 23 cents, instead of 21 cents;
- Priority Mail up to one pound will increase 10% to \$3.85;
- Parcel Post up to five pounds (computed by mileage) will see the biggest increase at 20 to 30 percent (\$5.03 to \$9.43);
- Certified mail increases 9.5% to \$2.30; and
- Return Receipt Requested mail will increase 17% to \$1.75.

It must be noted that First Class postal increases apply to the first ounce only. The rate for each additional ounce remains at the current rate of 23 cents.

The increased usage of Internet bill-paying services by postal customers has also had an affect on the volume of mail handled by postal

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## Winter fun kicks off Reading Month



Photo courtesy of Donna Pratt

**Shelby Pippin and Danielle Ray, both second graders, sail down the hill on their tube at Hanson Hills during Frederic Elementary School's recent trip to the local sports park. The event helped FES kick off National Reading Month (March). For more, see Pages 4-5B.**

## SPRING COMEDY LEAVES 'EM LAUGHING



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

"Ethel Savage," played by Gina Rosi, is confronted abruptly by residents of a home who believe news is more easily digested when it is at least a month old in the March 14-16 GHS Players' production of "The Curious Savage." The residents trying to convince Mrs. Savage not to read today's newspaper are Heather LaVecchia as "Fairy," Matt Seager as "Hannibal," Rachel Ramaswamy as "Florence," Charley McNamara as "Jeff," and Amanda Boone as "Mrs. Paddy." For more, see Page 1B.

## Prosecutor disappointed, ready to retry

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

It was a matter for the court to decide. That was Kalkaska County Prosecutor Brian Donnelly's reaction to the March 18 decision by a local judge after he called a mistrial following the conviction of a former Grayling man.

The case concerns 40-year old Michael Tironi who used to own and operate Entertainment and Beyond, a now defunct teen hang out in Grayling. Tironi was found guilty by a jury on November 29, 2001 after being tried on one count of criminal sexual conduct and two counts of selling/furnishing alcohol to minors in a July 2000 incident involving a male Roscommon teenager at his home.

Tironi's attorney requested a mistrial after learning one of the jurors may have withheld information dur-

ing the jury selection process that could have kept him from being chosen to serve in the matter.

"We have to abide and respect the court's decision," said a disappointed Donnelly. "But, I am ready to retry the defendant. Because of the public input generated in the last few months, there is more evidence to present in a new trial against Mr. Tironi."

Donnelly expressed his satisfaction that 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis Murphy increased Tironi's bond from \$100,000 to \$300,000. He also reported a friend of Tironi's, Vonda Lynn Johnson, who Donnelly says he believes played a role in Tironi's activities, was sentenced last week to 12 months probation and fined \$1,399 after pleading no contest on a

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## Restaurant operator initiates 'Cell Phones for Seniors'

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers has teamed up with Cellular One of Grayling, the Crawford County Sheriff Department and the Grayling City Police to form a new program called, "Cell Phones for Seniors."

Robert A. Wright III, Operator of the Grayling Wendy's, got the idea from a recent article in the news about similar programs in Gaylord, West Branch and South Lyon where used, working cell phones are collected and donated to senior citizens.

The phones will allow seniors to dial 911 from their homes or vehicles in the case of an emergency. There is no charge to the senior for the service or the phone and gives seniors who otherwise may not be able to afford a cellular phone to have access to one.

To assist the local authorities in collecting old cell phones, Wright

will be contributing a free Wendy's Old Fashioned Combo Meal to each person who donates a cell phone to the program. Phones may be dropped off at the Grayling Wendy's, the Sheriff's Office or the City Police Office. Those dropping off their old cell phones at either law enforcement office will receive a coupon good for the free meal, or enjoy the meal immediately when dropping the phone off at Wendy's.

Distribution of the phones by a local agency to seniors in Crawford County will be announced at a later date.

Cellular One of Grayling and Gaylord will assist in assuring the phones are in working order before turning them over to seniors for use.

Any questions about the new program may be directed to Wright at 348-2367, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield at 348-4616, or Police Chief Karl Schreiner at 348-4621.

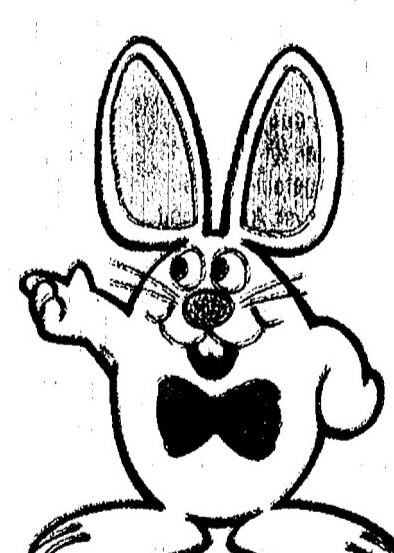
## Head to Hanson Hills... and meet the Easter Bunny

Once again, the Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) will host "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt." The event will take place on Saturday, March 30, at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

From 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., a scrambled egg, pancake and sausage breakfast will be served. Cost for the meal is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. During the breakfast, GRA will raffle off Easter baskets filled with candy and toys, a basket with a complete Easter dinner (compliments of the Grayling Country Club), as well as a complete skateboard from Boards and Beyond Skate Shop in Grayling.

Kids may also have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny during the breakfast time. Cost is one picture for \$3 or two for \$5.

After breakfast, Easter games will be played at the Fred Bear Memorial Center with assistance



from the Easter Bunny's helpers.

At about 11 a.m., GRA will start the egg hunt and it is the organization's hope to have enough eggs for every child to get one. Children will be separated into age groups and parents are asked to help supervise the hunt.

For more information about this and other events hosted by the Grayling Recreation Authority call (989) 348-9266.

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## Gift of 'The Pledge' rings patriotic

Submitted by Cecilia Scow  
FES Principal

The events of September 11, 2001 have left everyone feeling more patriotic and has given even more meaning to saying "The Pledge of Allegiance," which is exactly what Frederic Librarian Wendy Kucharek thought when she received a copy of a beautiful book titled, *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

But, she didn't stop with just that copy for the new Frederic Elementary library. She felt that every student in the school should have a copy and she began making phone calls.

On Tuesday, March 19, at an all-school assembly, Kucharek watched proudly as each student received their copy of the book, purchased by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Undersheriff Shawn Krayes, the Deputy Sheriffs' Association and Dr. Nathaniel Rowe.

Sheriff Wakefield and D.A.R.E. Coordinator, Deputy Randy Herman, attended the assembly and personally handed the books to the students. When all of the books had been presented, the entire school -- together with their special guests --



Photo courtesy of Frederic Elementary School

Frederic Elementary School Principal Cecilia Scow watches as Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and school librarian Wendy Kucharek distribute a copy of *The Pledge of Allegiance* book to every student at the school during a recent assembly. Deputy Randy Herman, not shown, also helped with the distribution of books.

recited "The Pledge." Each student could then add the book to their

March Reading Month reading log, which will help to achieve the

school goal of 8,200 books read in March.

## Local United Way nears targeted goal

As indicated by the United Way thermometer sign in town, the local chapter of the national charity has not yet given up on this year's annual campaign.

The Board of Directors specifically set the fund-raising goal at one that they hoped would be attainable this year. It is a goal that allows the organization to provide each agency that has requested funds with some level of funding, while maintaining its operations in Crawford County

through a part-time executive director. "We have reached 92% of our target of \$55,000 and we need just a bit more help to make it all the way to 100%," said Cindy Timmons, Executive Director.

Reaching the target goal will help the United Way be certain that all member agencies receive as close to their original funding requests as is possible. "We've recently been through some difficult times with a slow economy, increased job layoffs and a nation involved in war," said Timmons. "With a slow economy, the United Way has been receiving a growing number of calls from fami-

lies who have no idea where to turn for help so they won't be evicted in northern Michigan in the middle of February."

Timmons said her agency receives an average of eight to 10

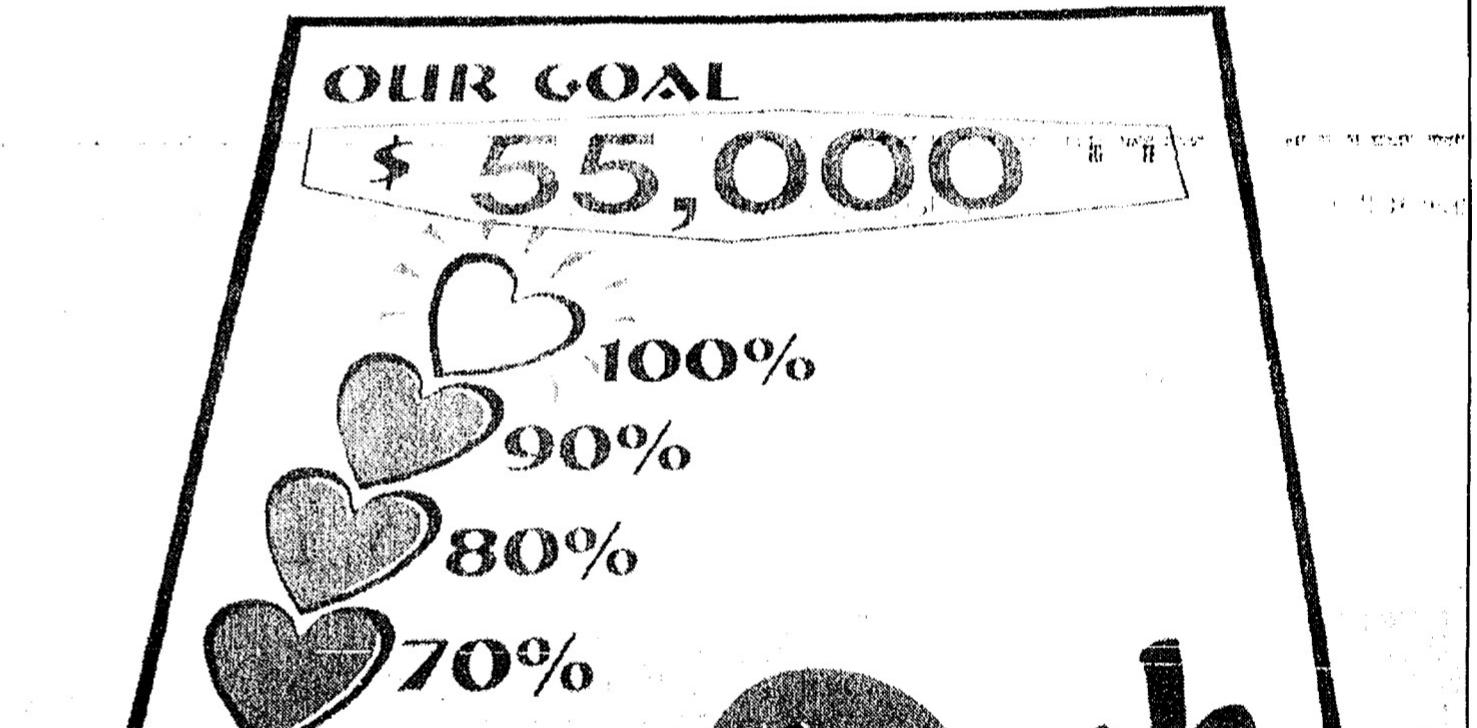
calls per month from people with school age children looking for help with heating bills. "These calls are from our neighbors," said Timmons. "Assistance can always be found through our agencies and knowledge of resources."

While the United Way must provide its funds directly to agencies and not individuals, it is the United Way funding to these agencies that

helps keep their doors open and services available to people when they need them most. It is for this reason that the Crawford County United Way asks for as much help as possible from those who are able.

"We need \$4,340.30 to reach our target of \$55,000," Timmons said. "Please make your donation today so the Crawford County United Way can continue to provide the support to our agencies that is so very much in demand."

Send contributions to: Crawford County United Way, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738. All donations are 100% tax-deductible.



The Crawford County United Way is very close to reaching its goal this year, but is still in need of about \$4,300.

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### Prosecutor disappointed, ready to retry after mistrial

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charge of selling/furnishing alcohol to minors in connection with the case.

Two other similar charges were dropped as the result of the no contest plea.

Tironi's new trial is scheduled for the end of May. Donnelly continues to encourage anyone who claims to have ever been subjected to any sexual misconduct at the hands of Tironi to contact his office at (231) 258-3325 and promising confidentiality in the matter.

Due to the nature of this case, it is the policy of the Crawford County Avalanche to refrain from printing the names or residences of any victims.

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## Breakfast Club satisfies appetite for reading



Photo courtesy of Grayling Elementary School

The Breakfast Club is a weekly event at Grayling Elementary School where 23 third, fourth, and fifth grade students have breakfast together with Title One Teacher Mary Smock (with book) and Library Para-professional Karen Coe (not shown). Breakfast is served at 7:45 a.m. Then at 8 a.m., Smock and the students gather in the reading area of the library to read and listen to a novel called, "Because of Winn Dixie," by Kate diCamillo. In this photo, Breakfast Club members have a very interesting discussion about main character, Opal, and her unique and lovable dog, Winn Dixie. The Breakfast Club is scheduled to end by Spring Break, but is anticipated to start up again in the fall.

## Fire destroys Grayling city residence

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Another home has fallen victim to fire, this time it was in the City of Grayling.

A passerby spotted smoke coming from the home of Tom Miller at the corner of Lake and Rose Streets shortly after 9:30 a.m. on March 22 and reported it to law enforcement.

Grayling Fire Department was dispatched to the scene where fire fighters found the home filled with

smoke when attempting to locate the source. Chief Duane Brooks said his department, as well as personnel from Frederic and Beaver Creek Townships, used quite a few air tanks while fighting the fire, due to the heavy smoke and the amount of time spent fighting the fire.

According to Brooks, no one was at home when his department arrived and believes the fire "had a good start" before the smoke was spotted.

Unfortunately, the Miller family lost their dog and cat in the blaze, along with their home and personal belongings.

Fire fighters continued working on scene until about 3:15 p.m. Brooks said the two-story, 1600-square foot home was insured to its replacement value. He praised the continued "great cooperation from other departments" in this most recent house fire in a rash of recent weeks in Crawford County.

Like other recent fires, the fire at the Miller residence remains under investigation and nothing about it, or the others, Chief Brooks said, appears to be suspicious.

"We are just having way too many of these catastrophic fires lately," he said, referring to a March 12 house fire in South Branch Township, a March 7 fire in Grayling Township, and another on February 26. All four fires have left a number of people without a place to call home.

## County appoints two to COA Board

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners appointed two new members to the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) Board of Directors at its regular meeting on March 20.

Gloria Kraus and Elizabeth Robinson were selected from a short slate of applicants to fill the

seats left open when Randall Hartley and Barbara Selesky resigned recently.

While the Commissioners accepted the two resignations "with much regret," they said they look forward to serving the county's senior citizens through and with the new members.

The Commission on Aging said it welcomes Kraus and Robinson,

who are both seniors themselves, and invites everyone to meet them at its next regular meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center located on Lawndale in Grayling.

For more information about the COA and services offered to senior citizens in Crawford County, call Director Nova Anderson at 348-7123.

## Safety Town meeting well attended

The first organizational meeting regarding the V.F.W. Carl W. Borers Post #3736 sponsored "Safety Town" was held on Wednesday, March 20 at the American Legion in Grayling.

The meeting was well attended by representatives from all over the Crawford County community, including those from the Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford County Sheriff Department, Grayling Fire Department, Grayling Police Department, Kiwanis and Key Clubs, Mobile Medical Response (MMR), and members of V.F.W. Post #3736.

Safety Town is a comprehensive program that involves the construction of a small-scale community which is used to teach young children safety -- from avoiding strangers, to bicycle safety, to traffic safety and more.

Groundwork has been laid and the program is in the works. Those wishing to become involved with this project as it progresses are advised to keep checking the Crawford County Avalanche for the date and time of the next meeting.

To coin an old phrase, "Our children are our future... Let's help them get there safely!"

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## Frederic Township Park needs helping hands

Frederic Township had a Park Committee at one time. The members set up a plan to improve the park and keep it in good condition. Among their projects was building the gazebo and paving the track around the perimeter of the park so residents could walk or rollerblade.

The committee was also responsible for planting and taking care of flowers, and the seasonal decoration of the park. However, by last Christmas the committee had more

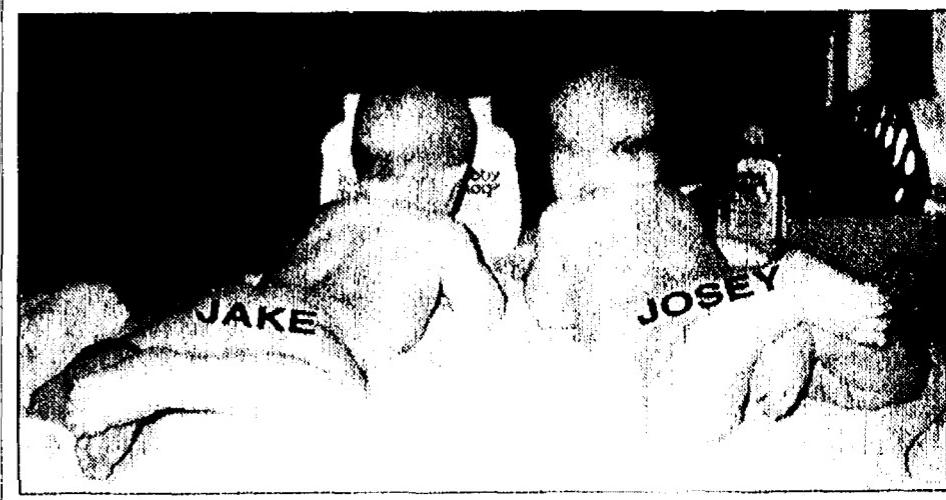
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workers and customers are also opting more so today to correspond by e-mail than by traditional mail.

The Postal Rate Commission avoided months of delay in obtaining the increase when an agreement was reached between the USPS and a group of about 60 businesses and organizations.

The official increase date is expected to be announced within a week.

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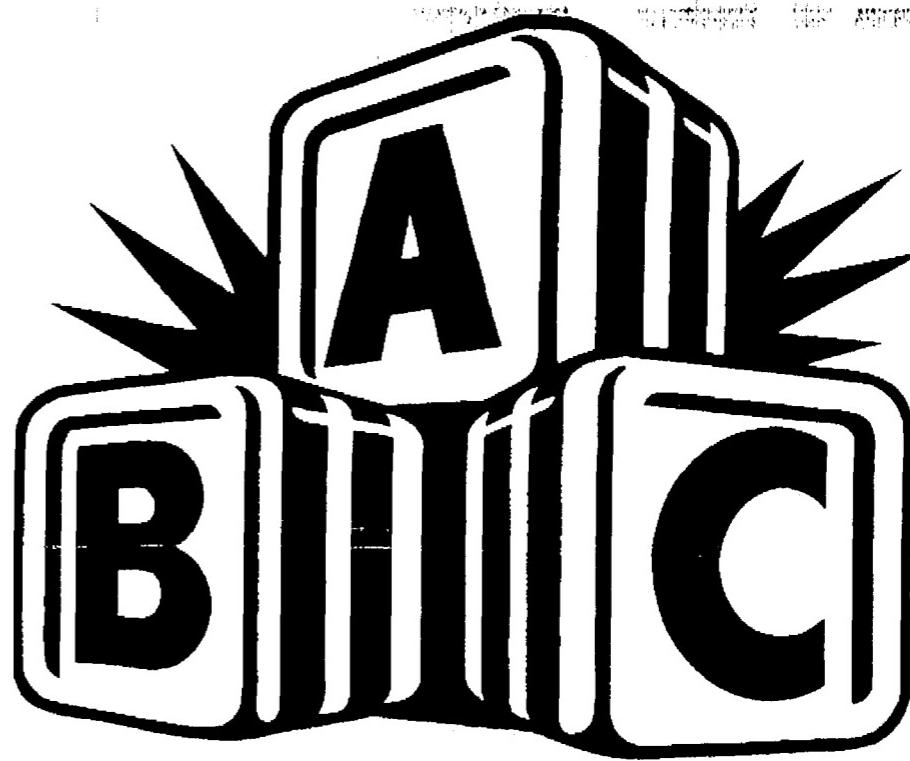
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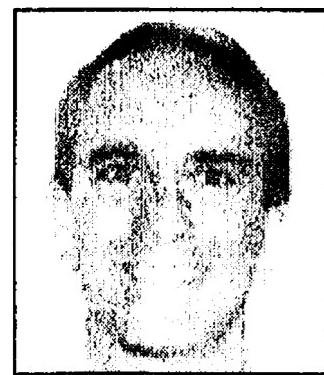
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

### K closings will cut deep

The Blue Light has gone out. Once the pride of Michigan, our own Troy-based retailing giant Kmart Corporation is bankrupt.

We all know that. Most of you reading this have been, whether you know it or not, affected in some way during your daily lives by Kmart.

You could be in one of the areas that just lost a store, like Albion, or Three Rivers or any of the 16 over locations around the state. Or you could have shopped sometime at any of the 238 stores around the country that will exist no more.

You could be in an area that is keeping its Kmart. But the question is: for how long?

If your Kmart is closing, your community is facing facts. Your store is closing. And fast. As soon as \$1.3 billion in merchandise is gone, it will be time to lock the doors. The jobs will be gone soon, too, to the tune of about 22,000. Those former employees are welcome to apply for work at other Kmart locations, but are not a guaranteed hire. Are there other retail jobs in your town waiting to be filled by 50 or 60 displaced Kmart workers?

Your shopping area will suffer. Now you

have a big box vacancy that, in most cases, will be impossible to fill. Foot traffic around your strip mall or shopping area will diminish with no Kmart next door. The smaller tenants will suffer without the customers who were drawn to their store area by Kmart. Will those local retailers be next in line to reveal their recovery plans to bankruptcy? Judge Susan Sonderby?

A landlord in town has lost a tenant as Kmart is breaking leases left and right. In most cases, that landlord is also stuck for back rent, uncollectible under bankruptcy protection.

Your local government has lost a taxpayer. How much tax revenue will a landlord be able to pay on an empty 20,000-plus square-foot building? Will that landlord be able to stay afloat? Kmart will liquidate all its personal property, too. Kiss those local tax dollars goodbye.

Your community has lost a competitor. Do you have another grocery store in town? Another clothing store? Another hardware or electronics or sporting goods store? Is there another place to get auto supplies and kids tennis shoes, or shampoo, bed sheets and a shot gun all in one stop?

Can you and those in your community still comparison shop? Do you still have a choice?

Some are saying that the Kmart closings are a good thing. Judge Sonderby is one of them, approving the bankruptcy plans all along the way. Most of the other people approving the plan are corporate Kmart.

These changes will allow Kmart to reposition itself in a competitive market, they claim. We can better compete with Target, Wal-Mart, Meijer. We will trim the fat. We will do things better, they claim.

Really?

Kmart does business all across the state. It has long been a newspaper supporter, buying placement and delivery of its weekly advertising inserts through local newspapers for as long as it has been in business. In fact, there might be a Kmart ad in this paper you are reading announcing items to be liquidated at its local store.

Kmart has been a good local citizen in most of its markets. It has supported schools, local governments, many community projects and provided lots of local jobs for local people through the years.

But it is those markets that are now suf-

ferring as the local stores close, the local shopping picture changes, your neighbors and friends lose their jobs.

Where did it go wrong?

It went wrong in Troy, home to corporate Kmart and now also the home to the largest retail bankruptcy ever in American history.

Troy is where chief officers and directors drove the retailing giant into bankruptcy and then were rewarded for their efforts.

Kmart's Chairman will be getting an \$8.5 million compensation package, as approved by the judge. Bonuses of up to \$150 million have been approved for upper management. Many top managers and company directors received loans just late last year totaling \$11 million from the company. Kmart also forgave a \$5 million loan to a former chief operating officer who no longer works there.

One top manager just resigned, and in an act of generosity, would accept only half of his \$6 million-plus golden parachute.

Aren't these the same people who ran this huge company into the ground? What kind of bonus would you get for managing your company into bankruptcy?

Now the news is out that Kmart, to aid its recovery, is heeding the advice of Martha

Stewart, its largest name brand product supplier. Stewart is advising Kmart execs on how to better organize their stores, how to better display its products. They sold \$1.6 billion of her stuff last year. She is sticking with them...for now.

So where did it all go so wrong?

Kmart's rot began at the head. And many fear that rot will not end until those in power have drained every last drop of money from the company.

In many communities, Kmart's heart has already stopped beating. The local life blood that kept the retailing giant alive has been cut off in favor of corporate big wigs and their bonus plans.

The company is on life support now, and the plug will be pulled when every last dime is drained from the coffers.

Then the last suit out of the last store will turn off the blue light forever.

*Dirk Milliman is president of Milliman Communications Inc. He is filling in for his father, who is vacationing and will return soon.*

## VIEWPOINT

by Barbara Kratchman, President, ArtServe Michigan

Congratulations to the Michigan Department of Education and the State Board of Education for initiating "Education Yes!" the new accountability framework that focuses on teaching for excellence, not just on teaching to the MEAP test.

Arts education advocates throughout the state also applaud the inclusion of the arts as a core curriculum subject. This follows the dramatic revision of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Leave No Child Behind, signed by President Bush last month.

Recent academically accepted research has validated what educators have long suspected: arts education contributes significantly to a student's development. This is not to suggest that arts education is a panacea; arts education is only successful when part of a strong curriculum that provides excellence in

reading and language, mathematics and problem solving and social studies. Research has also shown a correlation between arts education and improvements in other academic areas, such as high SAT scores for high school students who have had arts experiences and improved reading and math scores for students in high-poverty schools that have implemented arts programs.

While arts education is important in its ability to stimulate creative thinking skills and exploring the human experience to enrich our lives, business leaders are increasingly finding that employees with arts education experiences are the company problem solvers. Because most often school venues are the only institutions able to provide access to the arts for the vast majority of students, Education Yes! that includes arts as core accountability standards for Michigan schools is more significant than ever!

## EDITOR

### Anti-drug commercial may give wrong idea to some

To the editor,

On March 24 I was watching a great television show when a disturbing commercial came. It showed a man buying a computer, renting a house and then setting up explosives. When I saw that commercial, I about died.

I cannot believe that, at any time, the commercial is appropriate to have on any station, anywhere in the world. This country is at war with terrorists and the television portraying that kind of violence in an anti-drug commercial. There is something definitely wrong with displaying the things that we, as a nation are fighting against -- all over the

television -- so another 16-year old can have an idea put in his head to support these terrorists.

I would greatly appreciate not seeing this commercial or any other commercial like it in the future. I am sure there are many people who will support me on this.

I have written to the general manager of the local station from which the commercial was broadcast, addressing my concerns. I also plan to write to the network and anyone else who will hear me out about the impact of television commercials.

Misty Medeiros  
Grayling

### Lack of credit miffs reader

To the editor,

Where was I? Did I fall asleep like Rip Van Winkle and wake up after it was all over? I knew that I was ill, but I bought ~~all~~ <sup>most</sup> of the three papers, the local one, Bay City and Record Eagle besides listening to the radio and both local TV channels. Did I miss your news? If I did, I apologize.

People are always complaining that the community does not work together and here we had the ultimate in cooperation with organizations, the general public, a business, a county group, inmates, etc. and I did not see it mentioned.

We understand that Fick and Sons furnished trucks and personnel,

Terry Wright collected boxes, the library staff marked all shelves, inmates from a camp, Kiwanians, Masons, Friends of the Library and probably others all pitched in to save the library thousands of dollars in moving costs. The women from the Michelson Church served the food for volunteers and moving was accomplished in record time.

Wasn't this feat worthy of mention somewhere in our media? If I've failed to mention someone or some group, please let me know. You need to be recognized too.

Fay Bovee  
Grayling

### Street sign replacement policy angers private road resident

To the editor,

This letter is from a very upset taxpayer addressed to the Road Commission.

I'm very upset right now with your policies. I am a taxpayer here in Crawford County. I don't think it is fair that people are going around stealing street signs and then we are told we have to pay out of our pockets, to have it replaced. I don't think so!

Then we are told, "well you live on a private road, and we don't maintain your road, that is why you have to pay." But, then anyone can come on this road and then are told, "well there is nothing we can do about it." Well, excuse me, but we pay out taxes just like the next person... may it be in town or out of town.

We live off Stephan Bridge Road, between M-72 and Four Mile Road. We have to call all the time to ask to have our road maintained only to be

told, "well, they are working some place else right now; we will get to you when we can." Days later I call back again and ask to talk to someone high up, only to be told he is not in right now.

Well, excuse me. I have tried to talk to this man for four years now, and was able to get a hold of him two times in that four years.

Well, I just pray that we don't have to call an ambulance to my home only to have them come when it is too late because they could not find us looking for that street sign and then we know who to blame.... the Road Commission, because they would not put one up for us unless we paid them yet more money to replace it.

Something needs to be done before it is too late. Sign me a very concerned taxpayer and homeowner of Grayling.

Linda Kennedy  
Grayling

### Community proves it can come together for common good

To the editor,

The ribbon has been cut, the books have been moved, the workers are resting and officially, on March 15, the new library was up and running.

The unsung heroes, to mention a few, were directed by Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright and because of the transition went well and the proposed deadline was met.

The timetable was March 6-8. By noon on March 7th, all the books were moved. This, of course, saved a great deal of money. According to Library Director Edward Elsner, the estimated cost for the move would have been \$15,000 if professional personnel were recruited.

Because of Terry Wright and his motivation and encouragement, there was only about \$4,000 in costs to the taxpayers of Crawford County. Instead, the Library Board, Kiwanis Club, the

Correctional Facility, and several dedicated local residents pitched in and got the job done. Lunch was provided for the volunteers by Michelson Methodist Church.

Charlie Fick of Fick and Sons is always quick to lend community support when the need arises. He provided trucks, trailers and employees who were ready and able to see the project complete. This assistance saved thousands of dollars.

The community cared enough to pitch in and see that when things needed to get done, they got done. Many folks in Crawford County should be proud of their effort for being there to lend a hand, even though seldom acknowledged.

Hats off to the helpers. See you at the library.

Bill Bush  
Kiwanis Member  
Grayling

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# BRIEFS

## College offers new entrepreneur degree

Kirtland is offering a new Certificate of Entrepreneurship degree, which can be earned completely online, effective Summer 2002. This offers the student a broad exposure to the business world through a selected set of courses, which could be completed in one year. Regardless of their major, students can enroll in this program and earn a certificate of completion. They can also elect to pursue an Associate in Applied Science degree in Business Management at any point in the certificate program. For more information, phone (989) 275-5000, Ext. 219.

## Depression support group meets weekly

The Community Depression Support Group holds free weekly meetings on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Kirtland Room at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Meetings are dedicated to the education and support of individuals age 18 and over who suffer from depression and their family members and friends. It's a consumer run and family oriented self-help program, so we don't have to be alone. Public invited. For more information, call Mary Smith at (989) 348-3151 or e-mail: fancyfree@i2k.com.

## Homecare/Hospice volunteers to meet

The regular monthly meeting of Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice volunteers will be held on April 4 at the Amicare office located 125 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. This month's topic will be presented by Marion Long, RN, Holistic Clinical Practice, Grayling Mercy Hospital. The topic will cover aromatherapy for comfort and relaxation. Anyone interested in attending or becoming a Hospice volunteer, call Sherry Haag at 348-4383.

## Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Melchison Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host a soup, sandwich, salad, dessert luncheon on Thursday, April 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's all-you-can-eat for \$4.50 per person. Take out will be available and everyone is welcome.

## Order of the Eastern Star to meet

Grayling Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. All those with petitions should have them turned in on or before the meeting. Also, the Eastern Star recently made a donation to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library for the purchase of a memorial brick to be installed in the Reading Garden.

## Film on automaker Durant to air on PBS

A PBS special, "The Wizard of Flint," is scheduled to air on WCMU-TV on Sunday, March 31 at 9 p.m. It tells the story of Durant, founder of General Motors and of South Branch Township fame. The filmmaker is Bill Jamerson who produced the video on winter sports in which Grayling was featured.

## Crawford County Fair Board to meet

The Crawford County Fair Association will hold its April monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse. Anyone with questions may contact Barb at (989) 348-8094 or Cheryl at (989) 348-2454.

## River House offers series for women

River House Shelter & Domestic Crisis Services is offering free sessions in a series called "Healthy Relationships, A Series for Women" each Monday evening at 6 p.m. in locations in and around Crawford County. Topics include: assertiveness, boundaries, women and sexuality, self-care, parenting, evaluating new relationships, identifying abuse, and personal esteem. For more information, including location of next meeting, call toll-free, 1-888-554-3169.

## Lions Club names Lucky 13 winner

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week 12 is Jerry Walker of Grayling.

## Travel series to feature Malaysia

The Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Travel & Adventure Series will present "Magic of Malaysia" on Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$6; \$5.50 for students and seniors. For more information, call (989) 344-3539.

## Help keep Red Cross ready on April 2

Little Caesar's of Grayling will host its monthly fund-raiser for the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross on Tuesday, April 2. One dollar from the sale of each promotional pizza will go to support the local disaster program and general chapter activities. Since May 2001, over \$25,000 in pizza sale proceeds has been donated to Red Cross by Little Caesar's in northern Michigan. For more information about the Red Cross, call 1-800-691-6059.

## Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, April 2 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Gail Petri of the Family Independence Agency (FIA) who will discuss the agency's volunteer program. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

## Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of March 24 were C.F. Bryans, Dodie Harris, Gloria Neilson, and Nancy Root.

## Help Center open on Good Friday

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, located on Huron St. (M-72 East) in Grayling, will be open to serve the public on Good Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (989) 348-6046.

## WANTED OLD PHOTOS!

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## Pre-adoption, foster care training offered

Rosecommon County Strong Families/Safe Children and MSU Extension will offer an orientation and training for those considering adoption or foster care.

The two-day training will take place in Houghton Lake, April 26 - 27.

Anyone who thinks they can offer stability, guidance and love to a child in need of placement, do not need to be married or own their own home to become a foster or adoptive parent.

This training is available to resi-

dents of Rosecommon County who would like more information before they proceed with the foster care licensing procedure or an adoption home study.

The training and materials are based on the Parents As Tender Healers (PATH) curriculum. Advance registration is required. Deadline to register is April 15, 2002.

For more information, contact Carolyn Penniman at Michigan State University Extension office in West Branch, (989) 345-0692.

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## Region IX Agency on Aging plans public hearing

The Region IX Area Agency on Aging will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Area Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2003.

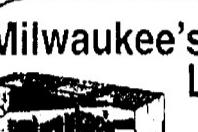
The plan will address distribution of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon.

The hearing will be held Monday, April 22 at 10 a.m. at the Oscoda Senior Center, 653 State Street, Oscoda, MI 48750.

A summary of the plan will be available at the hearing or upon request, 15 days prior to the public hearing. Copies may be obtained at the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena or call (989) 356-3474, ext. 261.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Farming Freedom

Recently the agribusiness giant Monsanto has brought charges against a number of farmers who have reused or resown their own harvested seed, because they had once purchased their seed from Monsanto. Private investigators have been dispatched by the company to locate farmers who have used recycled seed originally sold by Monsanto such as genetically altered cotton, canola, corn and soybean seeds. Monsanto spokeswoman Lori Fisher said, "Not only do we feel we have an obligation to the other farmers" who abide by the rules, "but we've obviously invested a lot of money into this technology." Scott Good, a soybean grower in Southampton Township said, "They showed up at my door (at) 6 o'clock in the morning. They flipped a badge out. It wasn't polite, what they were saying. They acted like FBI." Good's lawyer, Gary Woodend, said Good had offered to hand over his entire 2001 crop to Monsanto, but the company rejected the proposal. Woodend said, "I think their real motive is to try to make an example out of him and put him out of business."

In reality, when a farmer purchases and grows genetically engineered seed even the crop he produces is not his own to use as he pleases. The company in effect holds him under license by forcing him to pay a premium price every year for his seed. The farmer who cooperates is running the risk of gradually becoming a food producing servant or slave. Slowly but surely we are losing our small family farms as large farm corporations on and off the land are gobbling them up.

You might say, well, what is that to me? I remember reading about a college student who argued that food should be a basic right of every human being. When someone asked the student where food came from, the student replied, "Food doesn't come from anywhere,

where, food is!" This college student ignorantly assumed that food should be readily available to us like air and water. But there are also millions of hungry people on this planet who don't understand the source of food. The Bible tells us in 2 Thes. 3:10 that "if any would not work, neither should he eat." God told our first ancestors Adam and Eve in Gen. 3:19: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

A farmer labors by the sweat of his face to prepare the ground, plant and cultivate plants for food not knowing if the weather, insects, or disease will leave him any crop to harvest. Some farmers pay taxes for drainage ditches and runoff damages from their farms. Farmers in the Kalmath Basin lost their crops because their irrigation water was cut off to protect a species of fish. One farmer had his tractor confiscated for destroying the habitat of kangaroo rats that happened to live in his field. Radical environmentalism is threatening our farmers. So a successful farmer today must have a great love for growing food and feeding many hungry people.

Farming was the first and most important occupation God gave our ancient ancestors in the garden of Eden. An abundant food supply gives evidence of the gifts and blessings of God upon any nation. One of the first signs of God's judgment upon a nation is a shortage of food. This pattern is repeated throughout Bible history. It will continue even after the return of Jesus Christ to rule and reign upon this earth. Zech. 14:16,17: "And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain." It is no accident that faith in God is strong in the lives of many farmers. They deal every day with the life and death of living plants and animals depending upon God's mercy and goodness to reward them for the sweat of their labor.

All of us should feel the deepest respect and appreciation for those humble souls who God uses to feed us each day. When we drive the many roads of rural America and see a farmer laboring alone in a dusty field we should thank God for our farmers. And before we eat a bite of food, each meal we should pause to thank God for his many blessings, which feed us every day. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm  
Saturday Great Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm  
Easter Sunday: Service w/Eucharist, 10:30 am

### Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday: 6 pm  
Good Friday: 6 pm  
Easter Sunday: Service, 11:30 am  
With Easter Breakfast at 10:00 am

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8 pm - 10 pm  
Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death, 1:30 pm  
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass, 9:00 pm  
Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord Mass, 8 am & 10 am  
Saturday 11:30 pm Easter Breakfast

### Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

Good Friday: Ecumenical Service, 12 noon-1:30 pm  
Easter Sunday: Services, 8:30 am and 11 am  
Easter Breakfast between Services

### Grayling Assembly of God

Good Friday: Joint service with Grayling Baptist Church, 7 pm  
Easter Sunday: Resurrection/Fellowship Breakfast, 9 am  
Easter Service: 10 am

### Bear Lake Christian Church

Good Friday: Service, 12:30, Light lunch afterwards  
Sunday Morning: Worship, 10 am

**Christian Science Society**  
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Saturday ..... 10:30 am

Prayer Meeting

Tuesday ..... 7 pm

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Sunday School ..... 10 am

Chapel Service ..... 11 am

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting ..... 7-8 pm

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Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Adult and Youth

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411

1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

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## OBITUARIES

### Jack Ockerman

March 9, 2002

Jack L. "Ockey" Ockerman, 66 of Burkville, Texas, died Saturday, March 9, in his residence.

He was a native of Owosso, a food supervisor for the Louisiana State Prison at Angola and a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Ockerman of Burkville, Texas; four sons, Tom of Alpena, Robroy of Ishpeming, John R. of Grayling, and Duno of Lake Dallas, Texas; two brothers, Marlin of Jacksonville, Florida, and Tom of Henderson; one sister, Dawn McCarty of Owosso; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 13 at the Hixson Funeral Home chapel in Leesville, Texas with the Reverend Nick Hilton officiating. Burial was at the Holly Grove Cemetery in Anacoco, Texas.

### In Loving Memory of

#### Mother - Ruby Reetz

You are missed every day and in our hearts always.

Love always and forever,

Jack, Dee & children

### Card of Thanks

The Grayling City and Township Fire Department and its Auxiliary would like to express its gratitude to the following businesses: Goodale's Bakery, Rite Aid, Rochelette's, 7-Eleven, McDonald's, Buccilli's and Glen's Market for the food and beverages that were distributed to more than twenty county firefighters.

In addition we would also like to thank Beaver Creek Township Fire Department and Frederic Township Fire Department for its mutual aid assistance in the recent rash of structure fires.

*The family of Ruby E. Alma would like to thank friends and neighbors for their prayers, sympathy, flowers and the lovely luncheon in our loss of our loved one.*

## HONORS



Wesley Scott Fox

### Lake Superior State University

Lake Superior State University has announced Wesley Fox, a senior at Grayling High School, has been awarded the Board of Trustees Academic Award Scholarship commencing Fall Semester. Wesley is the son of Gary and Denae' Fox. He will major in business.

### Correction

In the March 21 edition of the Avalanche, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Lawe, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, were identified as residing in Oklahoma. The couple, formerly of Grayling, now reside in Arkansas. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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## Rosin, Huber engaged



Penny Jean Rosin and Travis Charles Huber

Penny Jean Rosin, daughter of George and Jean Rosin, and Travis Charles Huber, son of Chuck and Karen Huber announce their engagement.

Travis, a 1999 Grayling High

School graduate, is in his third year at Central Michigan University. Penny is a Grayling High School Senior. The wedding is planned for August 10, 2002, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Tobin.

## Four generatio 's gather



Debbie Skover, Opal Hamblin, Dawn Meabon and Sydney

Four generations of family recently gathered for this photo opportunity. Standing is mother Debbie Skover. Holding ten-month old Sydney Skover, of Whitmore Lake, is her grandmother, Dawn Meabon, of Pinckney, and with great-grandmother Opal Hamblin beside them.

## INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

As we enter the changing seasons and welcome Spring-time, we cannot help celebrating resurrection. The pure white lily blossoms forth from a dry and brittle and seemingly lifeless bulb. The spring flowers, daffodils and crocuses and wild flowers emerge from the barren earth and perfume the air with fragrance. The brown, lifeless grass stirs and turns green and growing.

Within ourselves there stirs new life. The dull gray of winter gives way to the laughter of Spring. Sunlit days lift our spirits from that arid place inside to the blossoming of joy. Resurrection is real. It happens every year. It is no coincidence that Easter comes in the Spring. Now the story of the Christ rolling away the stone and bursting forth in new life becomes a story that is ever alive within us.

Each season, each cycle of life, we must again seek out the tomb within a garden. Where is that place in our own psyche where we roll stones in front of dark caves to contain that of ourselves which we have crucified. What are the secrets that we honor and yet obscure by placing them within a garden of growing things carefully manicured and meticulously kept. Which of these secrets refuses to be so honored and contained but insist upon rolling away the barriers and walking boldly into our consciousness again and again.

Those who discovered the empty tomb had not come out of faith, but had come to tend to the dead body; to anoint it with sweet

smelling oils to cover the stench of decay. How often do we too discover renewed life when our intent was simply to cover the secret hidden in the garden with sweet smells hoping that no one will catch on to our weaknesses and limitation. We too come out of hopelessness trying to make the best of a bad situation only to discover that when the barriers are removed that our weakness is also a strength; that stubbornness resurrects into tenacity and endurance; that jealousy is simply the dark side of a deep desire to care and protect that which is precious to us; That which was condemned as sloppiness or lack of discipline steps into its Easter of creativity. Every trait that we condemn, when unleashed from its tomb becomes a valuable strength.

Everything has its season. The Bible tells us that there is a time and a place for all things. The ugly duckling becomes the graceful swan, the frog becomes the prince, the Beast when loved enough by Beauty, is transformed. Resurrection is real. It happens everyday. It simply requires the rolling away of stones to release the splendor from within, rather than planting a garden to hide it and pouring on sweet smelling oils to cover what we believe to be some unattractive part of ourselves.

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## MERCY BIRTHS

Toby Forman and Sarah Schwarzkopf of Roscommon announce the arrival of Amikin Shain Forman born February 27.

Jon and Leanne Glueheisen of Roscommon announce the arrival of Tanner Milton born February 28.

Sara Bindschatel of Frederic announces the arrival of Kyung born March 1.

Anthony Thornton and Mandy Childs of Grayling announce the arrival of Alyssa Gwyn born March 3.

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Matt Curtis and Krista Trosper of Grayling announce the arrival of Gage Matthew born March 6.

Shar-Day Williams of Grayling announces the arrival of Javon Deshawn Matthews born March 7.

Chris and Dorothy Frederick of Grayling announce the arrival of Nicholas Ryan born March 7.

Jamie and Melissa Brown of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Haley Lorraine born March 11.

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"One Block at a Time," a quilt fund-raising endeavor, continues to receive the support of the community. "It is delightful to see how the idea of one person, Martha Clapp, a River House volunteer, has become a community wide project," commented Sister Maria Klosowski.

The AuSable Quilt Guild prepared direction packets for the quilt squares. In Crawford County, the packets are available to quilters at The Icehouse Quilt Shop, one of the sponsors of the fund-raisers. Quilters are invited to make a quilt square for "One Block at a Time." The quilt squares will be made into beautiful wall hangings for the new shelter.

(Left) AuSable Quilt Guild members Janice Cook, Sandi Crandall and Alice Foley finish preparing instruction packets for the quilt squares to be used for the fund-raising project to build a new facility for victims of domestic violence.

The quilt project will help fund the building of the new shelter facility for River House. The new shelter will have 6 bedrooms and will be able to house 24 women and children.

In addition to shelter services, River House also provides many services to those affected by domestic and/or sexual violence in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties. These services include support/educational

groups, individual counseling, advocacy, as well as education/counseling groups for those who have abused.

While the quilters are busy making squares, River House is seeking donors for the quilt squares. Each square is \$25. A donor can be an individual, organization or business. The donor designates the name to appear on the quilt square. Carol Marshall, who is receiving the donations at River House, said, "Already some organizations have purchased a row (5 squares). The excitement grows each time a new donor form appears in the mail."

For information about River House services or to receive a form to purchase a quilt square, call 348-3169.

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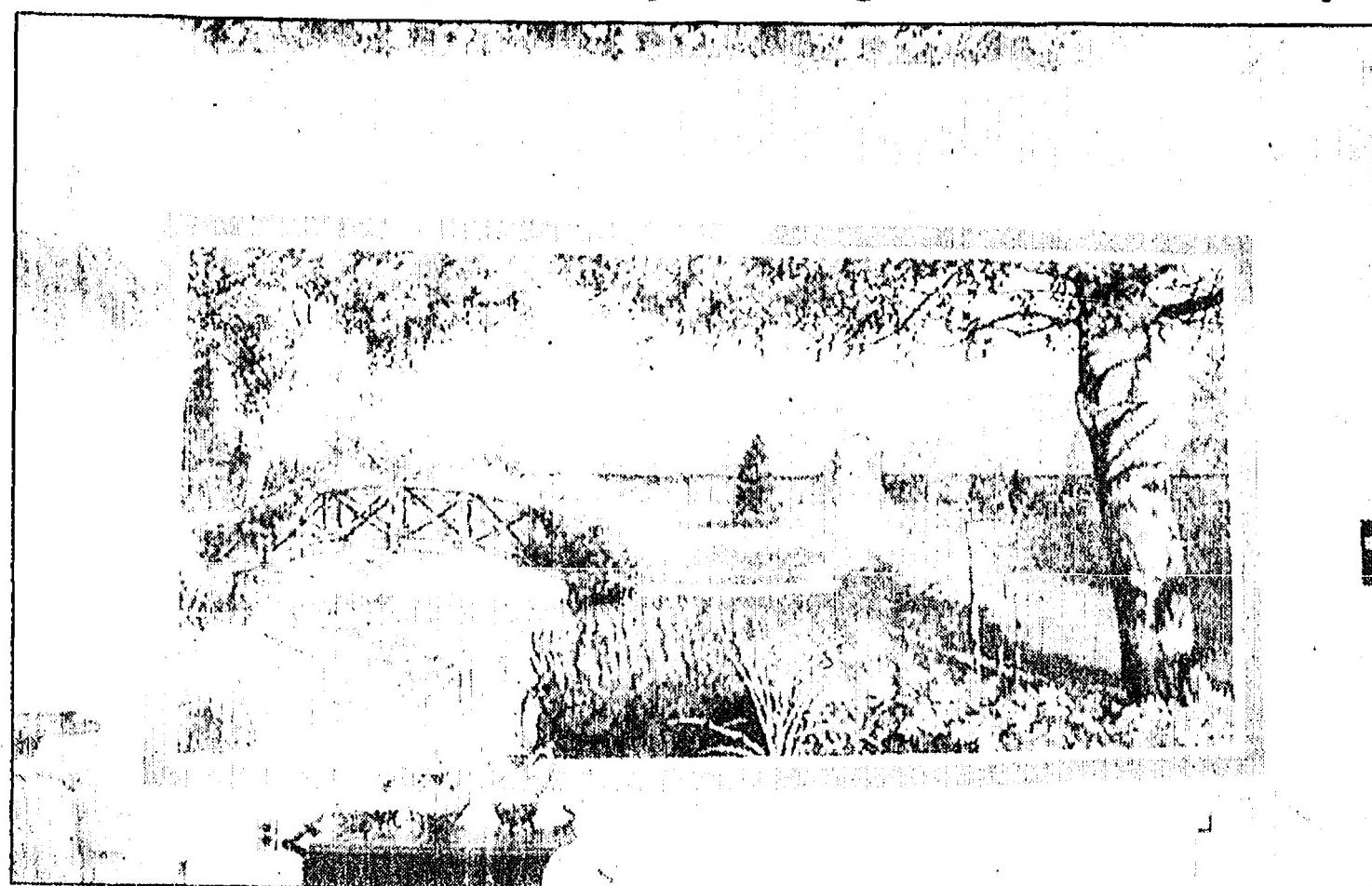
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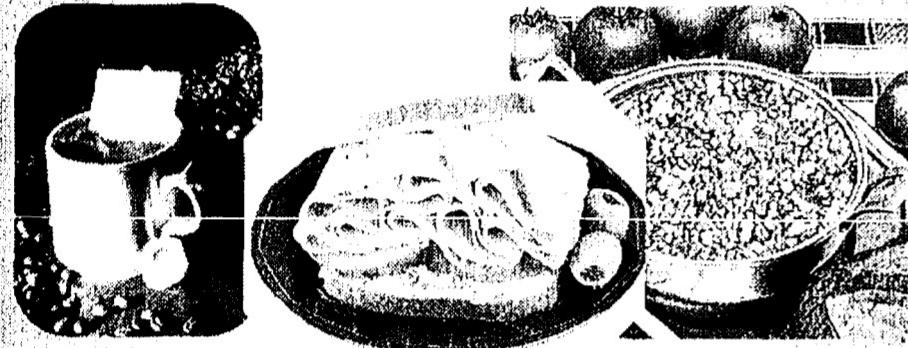
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Mon. April 1 - Meatloaf/Veal; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. April 2 - Pollock/Country Pork; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; McDonald's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Wed. April 3 - Parmesan Chicken/Beef Stroganoff; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.

Above all this week remember; Young people may know the rules, but the older folks know the exceptions!

## DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for April. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

Immunization clinics: April 3 and 17.

Family planning: April 2 and 16.

Optional/confidential HIV/AIDS testing: April 9 and 16 (a.m. only).

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: April 3, 8, 12, 15, 17, 22, and 25.

Breast and cervical cancer screening April 16. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40-64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Other services are available; call (989) 348-7800 for appointment.

Other health services include: Maternal/Infant support - Families Matter, Environmental Health (well and septic permits, food service, water testing, etc.), HIV/AIDS testing, OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training session. Free hearing and vision screenings for ages three - 18 years by appointment, as scheduled; Mi Child and Healthy Kid Insurance Programs; Health Promotion Programs;

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## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 27 through April 2 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road E97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates and times:

March 27 - 29 from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m.; April 2 from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The Portage Creek Road Bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

For further information on Air to Ground operations call: (989) 939-8880 or (989) 354-6205.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek:

March 27 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Portage Creek Road Bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

For more information call 1-800-628-5820.

## HONORS

Thomas Nelson College

Danielle (McClanahan) Pearl, a sophomore majoring in psychology, was named to the Dean's List at Thomas Nelson College in Hampton, Virginia. Danielle received a GPA of 4.0 for the Fall Semester.

She has been accepted at the University of New Mexico where she is currently residing with her husband, Travis Pearl, who is in the United States Air Force.

Both are graduates of Grayling High School. Danielle is the daughter of Nancy and the late Brock McClanahan.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 66 complaints the week of March 18-24:

Thirteen traffic accidents, six non-traffic accidents, one traffic violations (civil infraction), one traffic policing, one traffic public safety appearance, one accident, all other, one school bus inspection, one civil matter dispute - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one missing persons, three general assistance, seven general non-criminal, two delinquent minors, two runaways, one assault/intimidation/stalking, three burglary/home invasion, two larceny, two damage to property, five public peace/disorderly, four health and safety, one driving violations/DWLS, etc.

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 48 complaints during the week of March 17 through March 23:

Two misdemeanor citations, three civil citations, three traffic accidents, four private property accidents, two misdemeanor arrests, three attempt to locate complaints, two assault complaints, one larceny complaint, two alarm complaints, one juvenile complaint, one fire complaint, three animal control complaints, three motorist assist, six traffic warnings, four suspicious situations, one assist other departments, and seven unclassified complaints.

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## Recent retirees represent 252 years of service

On March 2, the Maneuver Training Center at Camp Grayling honored ten members of the company on the occasion of their retirement. The retirees represented a total of 252 years with years in service, ranging from 20 to 32 years. Also honored at the dinner was the Camp Grayling "2001 State Employee of the Year," Wayne Welch and "Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Award" winner, CSM Terry Richardson. Six of the honorees are from the Grayling area.



MSG Terry L. Vandecar



MSG Martin L. Nieman

Master Sergeant Terry L. Vandecar was awarded the Michigan Distinguished Service Medal for 32 years of dedicated military service to the State of Michigan and the nation. Master Sergeant Vandecar is a Vietnam veteran having served as an Infantryman and awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge along with numerous other awards.

He also received the Certificate of Service from President George W. Bush, a Letter of Appreciation from Governor John Engler, Certificates of Service from the State of Michigan and National Guard Bureau, the Camp Grayling Coin of Excellence and the Camp Grayling photo of the M60 Tank and UH-1M Helicopter inscribed with "MSG Terry L. Vandecar, In Recognition of 32 Years of Military Service."



LTC Dale E. French

Lieutenant Colonel Dale E. French was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for 30 years of dedicated service to the State of Michigan and the nation. Lt. Col. French served three years in the U.S. Army before joining the Michigan Army National Guard and coming on the Active Guard and Reserve program. He held command positions and retired as the Deputy Commander of Camp Grayling.

Lt. Col. French was also presented with the Certificate of Service from President George W. Bush, a Letter

of Appreciation from Governor John Engler, Certificates of Service from the State of Michigan and National Guard Bureau, the Camp Grayling Coin of Excellence and the Camp Grayling photo of the M60 Tank and UH-1M Helicopter inscribed with "LTC Dale E. French, In Recognition of 30 Years of Military Service."

Master Sergeant Martin (Radar) L. Nieman was awarded with the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for 30 years of dedicated service to the State of Michigan and the nation. MSG Nieman retired both from his full time position at MATES and from the Maneuver Training Center Camp Grayling, Michigan Army National Guard.

MSG Nieman was also presented with a letter of appreciation from Governor John Engler, Certificates of Service from the State of Michigan and National Guard Bureau, the Camp Grayling Coin of Excellence and the Camp Grayling photo of the M60 Tank and UH-1M Helicopter inscribed with "MSG Martin (Radar) Nieman, In Recognition of 30 Years of Military Service."

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CSM Terry P. Richardson

Command Sergeant Major Terry P. Richardson was awarded the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Award for 2001. This award is presented to an outstanding NCO recognizing their leadership and contributions to Camp Grayling. The award has the inscription "CSM

Terry P. Richardson, Maneuver Training Center, Senior NCO Leadership Award."



Wayne G. Welch

Mr. Wayne G. Welch was presented with the Camp Grayling State Employee of the Year award. The recipient of this award is determined by the votes of the State employees of Camp Grayling. He was also presented with the Michigan Legion of Merit Medal for his outstanding service to Camp Grayling, a Certificate of Appreciation from the State of Michigan and the Camp Grayling photo inscribed with "Mr. Wayne G. Welch, State Employee of the Year 2001."

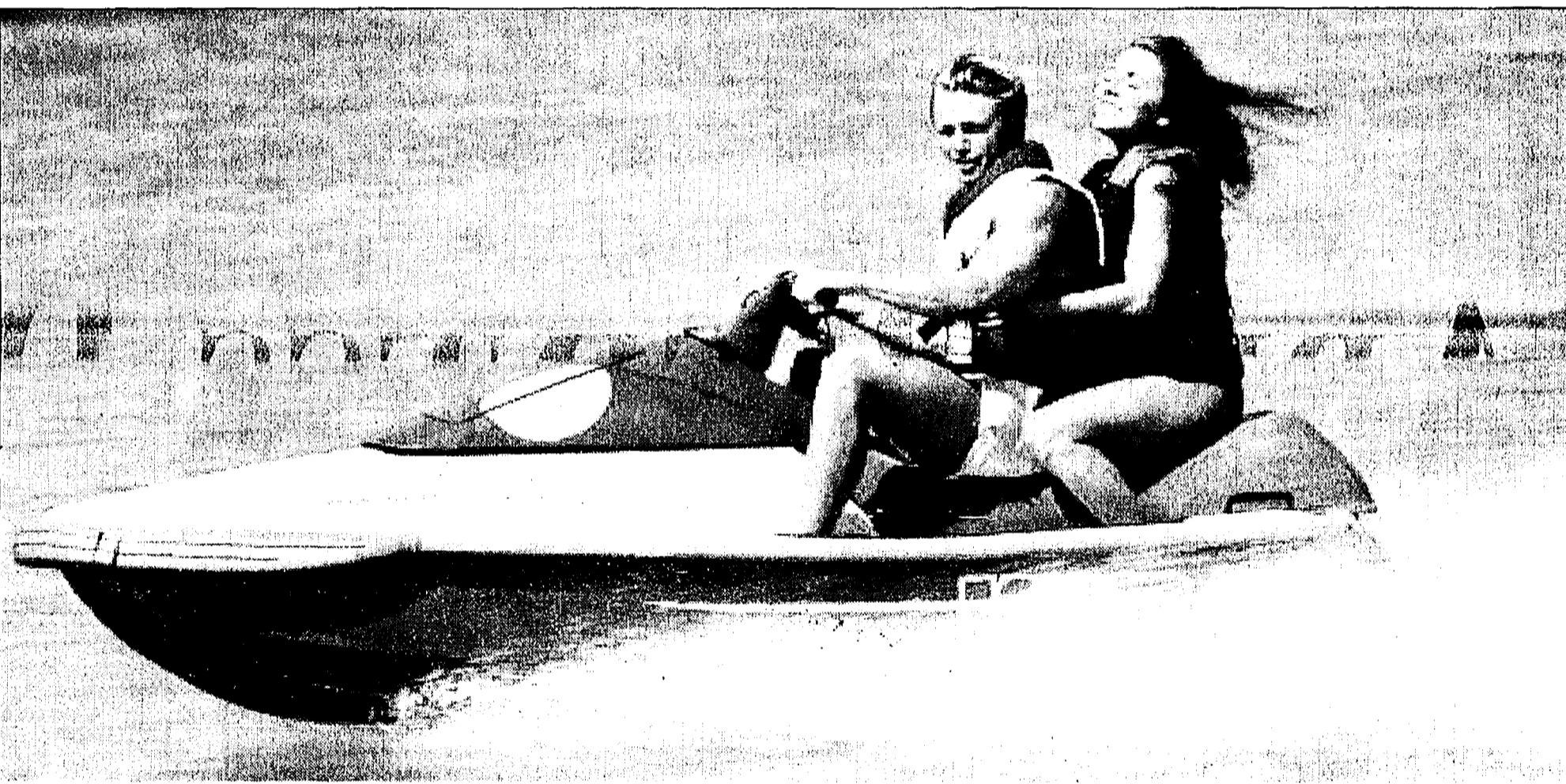
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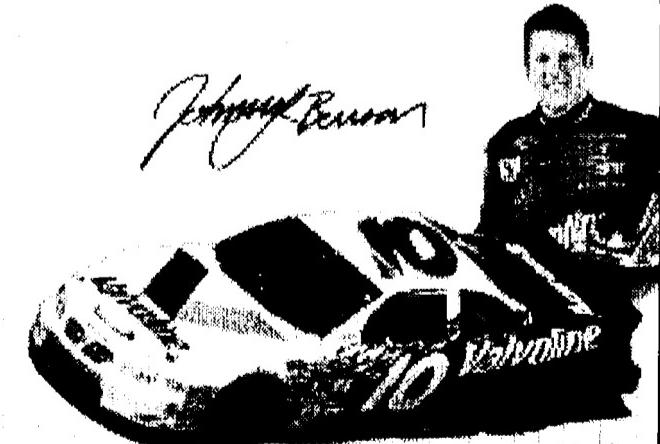


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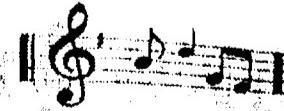
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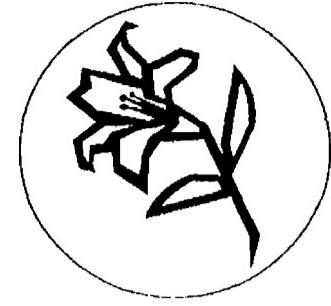
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## Kirtland Board votes to raise tuition rates

► Rising costs, state finance freeze, increased student enrollment cause

A dramatic increase in enrollment compounded by a state of Michigan freeze on its financial assistance for higher education has led to a modest increase of tuition at Kirtland.

The college's board of trustees on Thursday approved a resolution that would raise by \$4.30 the cost per credit hour for in-district students, who will now pay \$58.40. For out-of-district students, the per-credit-hour cost rose \$6.45, to \$87.25. The rate for out-of-state students rose \$8.40, to \$113.20, and the cost for international students rose \$9.60, to \$129.60 per credit hour.

Some course fees also rose marginally, based on the rising cost of educational materials, and the excess contact hour fee was raised from 50 cents to \$1.35.

"From fall of 1999 to winter of 2002, our enrollment has increased by a total of 29.1 percent, yet during this same time period state assistance to KCC has increased by a total of only 7.3 percent," Kirtland president Dr. Charles Rorie said.

"While our governor has publicly recognized the cost effectiveness of community colleges and their history of conservative fiscal policies, we are expected to be very happy that we are to get zero increase under his budget plan for next year, instead of taking a cut in state revenue."

"Meanwhile, contractual obligations and other cost increases will continue here and at other colleges, so it's now necessary for Kirtland to ask students to pay a higher part of the costs of their education next year. If we fail to do this now, we may fall still further behind in years to come."

Rorie explained that the past practice at Kirtland and other community colleges has been to seek to hold tuition increases below the rate of inflation in order to allow students and parents to take a Michigan tuition tax credit. However, only a limited number of Kirtland students have taken advantage of the credit, and Kirtland has had a very large cumulative and compounded loss of tuition revenue by holding this line.

Meanwhile, a number of Michigan's universities have ignored the tuition tax credit and raised their costs to students well above inflation rates on a regular basis, while at the same time receiv-

ing healthy annual increases in state support.

Now, as state assistance to higher education is frozen across the board, several universities around the state are raising tuition again, keeping

community colleges a tremendous bargain despite their relatively modest cost increases.

Kirtland's tuition increases take effect with registration for the fall 2002 semester.

## House bill would slice away Internet 'spam'

by Allison Miriani  
Capital News Service

Lansing -- Internet users who are tired of checking their e-mail to find their mailbox jammed with spam -- solicitor's offers -- may soon find relief.

A House bill sponsored by Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, would prohibit Internet service providers from releasing personal identifying information about a subscriber to third parties for marketing purposes.

If a customer consents to have information released, it must be in writing or filed electronically, according to the bill.

"I think it is a good bill that makes a lot of sense," said Rep. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck. "Privacy issues are a big concern to the public and obviously to legislators."

The legislation stems from controversy that arose a few months ago about Comcast, an Internet service provider. Comcast received negative public feedback from customers who found the company had been tracking their customer's usage of the Internet.

"About a week after all the press came out with this story, Comcast changed their policies," said Brian Mills, the legislative assistant to Bradstreet. "My boss wanted to take it a step further and actually make it a law."

But many Internet service providers have privacy clauses and do not give out their customers' information, said Kevin Mitchell, the systems administrator at Iserv, an ISP in Grand Rapids.

"We don't give out any of our customers' information," Mitchell said.

### Bill signed to improve connections



State Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord), left, holds legislation signed March 14 by Gov. John Engler that encourages broadband Internet connections in Michigan. Bradstreet, House Energy and Technology Committee chair, helped lead House passage of three Senate bills that ease easement permits and expense for constructing a faster Internet service system. Pictured with Bradstreet at the bill signing are, from left, Gov. Engler, Sen. Ken Sikkema and House Speaker Rick Johnson.

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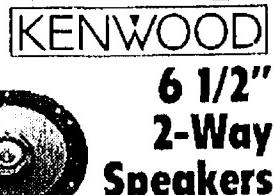
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Second grade students at Frederic Elementary School served the Frederic Headstart kids, school staff and other guests in their Big Kids' Restaurant as part of exploration into real world experiences and careers in the many facets of the food service industry. Students designed menus and placemats, as well as learned about nutrition.

Students in Nancy Dean's second grade class at Frederic Elementary School received first-hand experience in the restaurant business on March 7, with the premiere of the "Big Kids' Restaurant," right in their classroom.

The students learned about nutrition and the restaurant business from parent Scott Robinson, and then set up the one-meal "Big Kids' Restaurant." They designed placemats and menus, applied for jobs and interviewed, and then took orders for lunch items.

The Frederic Headstart students were customers, along with staff members and guests. Customers were greeted by hostesses at the door who seated them, served by waiters and beverage servers, and

attended to by the manager. Dishwashers, busboys and cooks were on duty, providing support to the waitstaff.

Customers paid for their meal with "Dean Dollars" that had been provided in advance, and chose from a lunch menu including healthy selections such as ham and cheese or PB&J sandwiches, carrots, fruit, juice, and white or chocolate milk.

The FES food service catered the event, making sure all menu items were up to snuff.

The "Big Kids' Restaurant" gave students a hands-on opportunity to explore careers in the food service industry. Because of Dean's innovation, it is one lesson they will probably remember for a lifetime.



Taking his job as waiter very seriously, Derek Babbitt takes Frederic Elementary School Principal Cecilia Scow's lunch order at the Big Kids' Restaurant.

**Deadline nears for public comment on power plant permit renewal**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has announced the deadline for public comment regarding the proposed

approval of a draft initial Renewable Operating Permit for the operation of the Grayling Generating Station electric utility plant by the Grayling Generating Limited Partnership.

According to the DEQ, the draft permit is intended to simplify and clarify the facility's applicable requirements and will not result in any air emission changes at the stationary source at the plant.

The responsible official of the stationary source is Daniel Nally, General Manager of Biomass Plants, 330 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126.

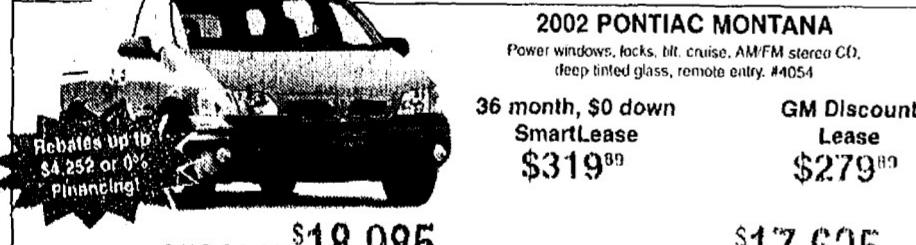
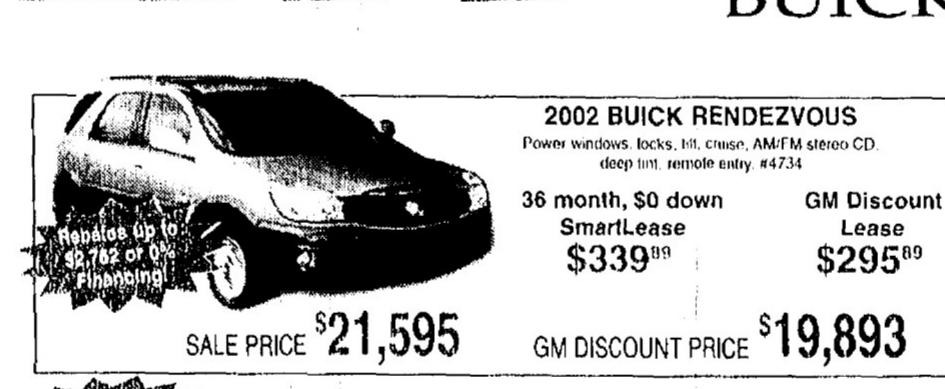
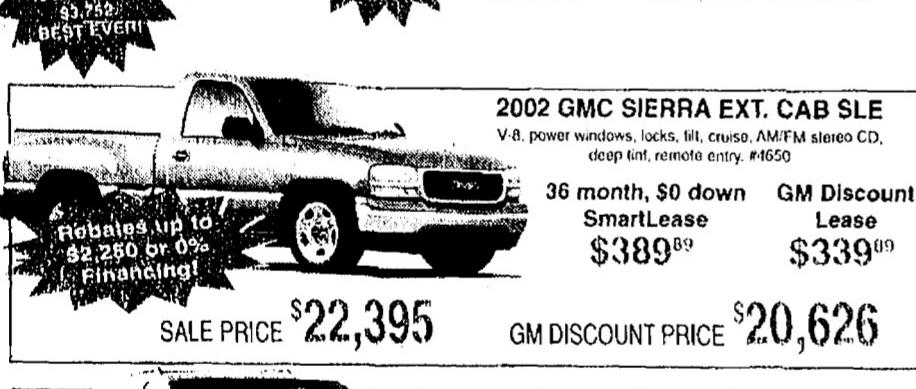
Comments on the draft permit

must be submitted in writing by April 10 to David Thorley, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Gaylord Field Office, 2100 M-32 West, Gaylord, MI 49735.

If requested in writing by the April 10 deadline, a public hearing will be held on April 15 at the Beaver Creek Township Hall located at 8888 S. Grayling Road.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION



Winter fun 4B

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, March 28, 2002



Samuel, Lily Belle and Titus try desperately to get Ethel to divulge where she is keeping the family fortune. Being "The Curious Savage," Ethel gives them each hints to false locations just to see what length they will go to get it... with some interesting results.

Doing their best to convince Dr. Emmett (Todd Gaffke) their stepmother is insane, Samuel (Jason Glicker), Lily Belle (Maggie Van Guilder) and Titus (Eric Hunter) commit her because she won't give them their late father's fortune.

## Spring comedy leaves 'em laughing



Fairy, Florence and Hannibal very timidly enter the room to size up the new boarder.

**S**et in a group home that caters to those who can't cope with the outside world and reality (and who really can?) "The Curious Savage" finds Ethel Savage committed by her selfish stepchildren when she won't tell where she is keeping her late husband's fortune.

Throughout the play, the audience learns what is really eating at the residents and finds we are all a little "crazy" when it comes to life. Don't get me wrong, the residents do spend time doing things like wearing the carpet out evenly and reassuring each other their flaws are non-existent. And, no one seems to notice that Florence's son, John Thomas, is a doll and not a real boy. But the residents, acting like a real family, seem to know just what to do when the stepchildren try to steal the family fortune. They stop the "theif," Ethel is deemed sane by Dr. Emmett, but she decides to stay at the home and share her wealth with those who really deserve it. Now, that's not such a crazy idea, is it?

The GHS Players gave three performances of the popular play March 14-16 in the Stripe Auditorium.



Mrs. Paddy, who paints seascapes of an ocean she has never seen, tells Ethel just how much she doesn't like EVERYTHING.

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Appearing childlike, Ethel holds on tight to her teddy bear which holds the key to her commitment in the adult home.

### THE CAST

Florence - Rachel Ramaswamy  
Hannibal - Matt Seager  
Fairy - Heather LeVecchia  
Jeff - Charley McNamara  
Mrs. Paddy - Amanda Boone  
Miss Willie - Bridgette Reed  
Titus - Eric Hunter  
Lily Belle - Maggie Van Guilder  
Samuel - Jason Glicker  
Dr. Emmett - Todd Gaffke  
Ethel Savage - Gina Rosi  
John Thomas - Seth Patterson

### THE CREW

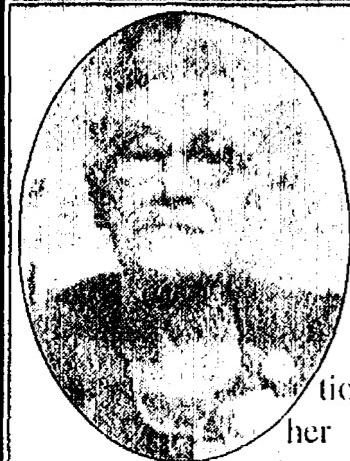
Beth Brewer, Jennifer Feutz, Ryan Feutz, Ann Hughes, Casey McCuan, Miescha McCuan, and Becky Ramaswamy  
Student Director - Alexis Sumner  
Student Technical Director - Chris Bass  
Stage Manager - Alesha Wargo  
Lights - Jenna Bugyi, Jason Henning  
Sound - Shawn McCuan  
Director - Chad Patterson  
Adult Technical Director and Set Design Natascha McCuan  
Set Construction - Natascha McCuan, Bobby McCuan  
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Florence and Fairy help explain how reality isn't a good thing while Jeff introduces himself (covering his awful scar) to Ethel.



Perhaps imitating pieces of all of us, the residents at the home share their unique personality flaws -- a frustrated artist, a not-so-virtuous virtuoso, an insecure beauty, the perfect mother whose "child" is a doll, and a man who imagines a scar is bigger than it really is.



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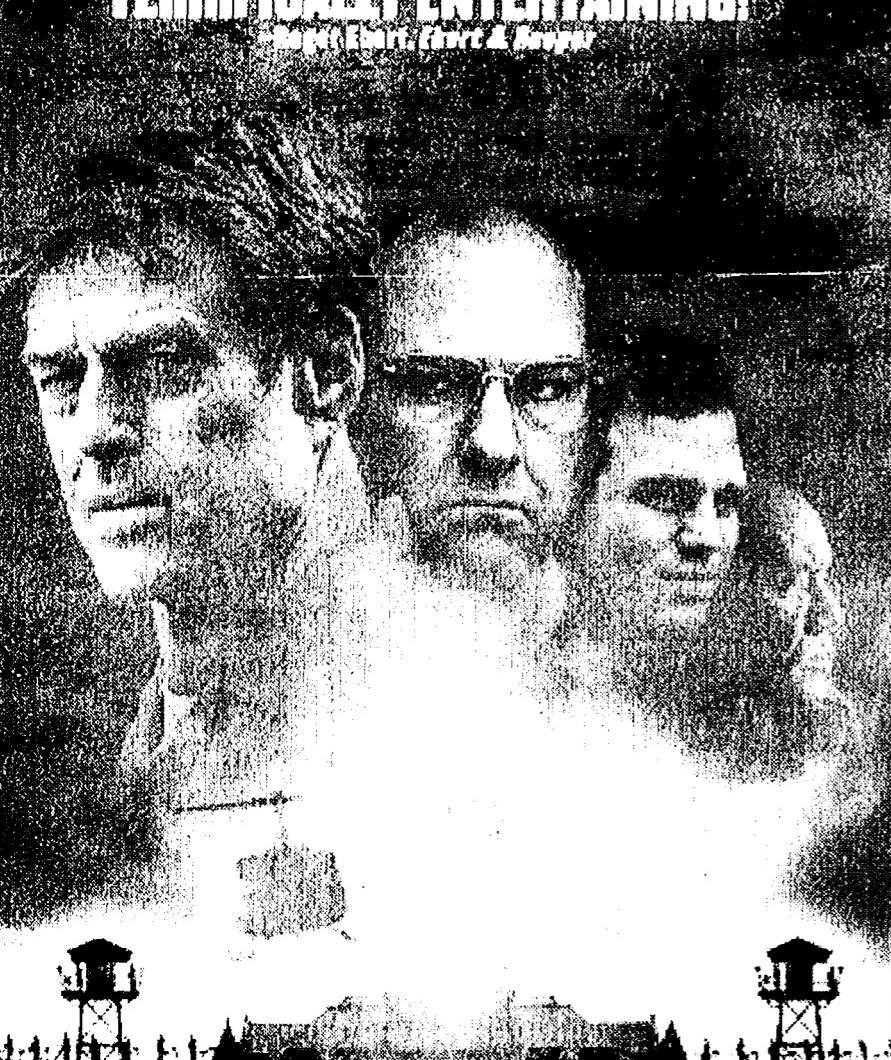
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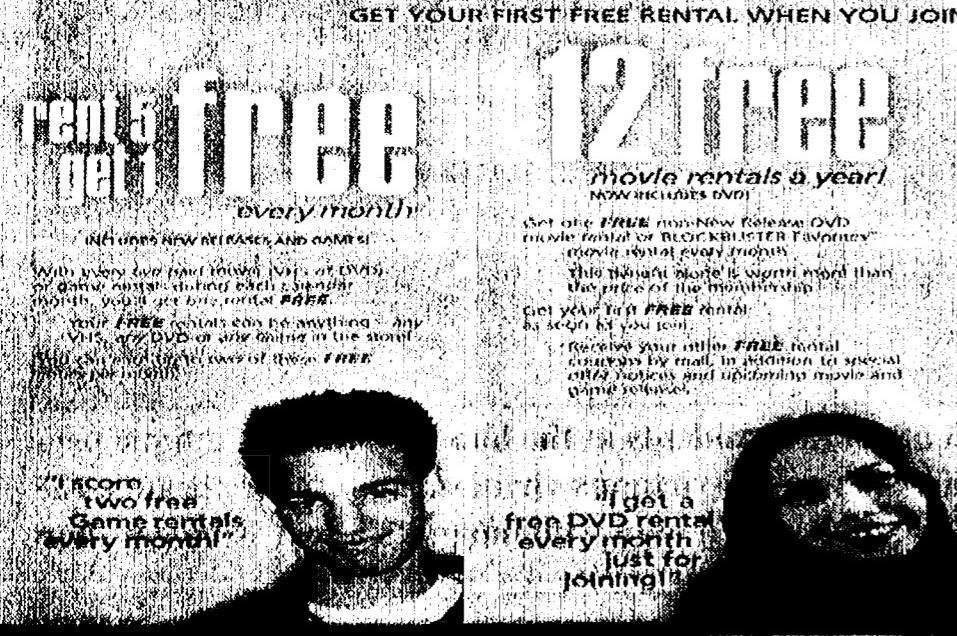
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# GHS skiers share awards, dessert

► Kelly Jansen and Keil Clough take 'most valuable skier' honors for 2002

The Grayling High School ski team ended its 2002 season with its Annual Awards Banquet at Hanson Hills on Wednesday, March 20.

Twelve team members were announced as varsity award winners:

(freshmen) Trevor Clough, Jim Jansen, Kassie McClain, Patrick McInally, Mallory Olson; (sophomore) Heather Vandecar; (juniors) Andria Alvarez, Eric Hunter; (seniors) Keil Clough, Lesley Gilbert, Eric Hart, Kelly Jansen, Ben McInally.

McInally (91%).

Awards for finishing first on the team at meets this year were won by: (girls team) Kelly Jansen, 22; Alvarez, 5; Olson, 5; (boys team) Keil Clough, 26; Hunter, 2; Hart, 2; Ben McInally, 1; Patrick McInally, 1.

Kelly Jansen and Keil Clough were named "most valuable skiers" for their skiing this season. Jansen, a four-time varsity letter winner, posted team scores in 91 percent of her

meets, had 22 team victories and 13 meet victories for a total of 126 points for Grayling's girls team. Clough posted an 88 percent consistency rate, had 26 team wins and 10 meet victories for a total of 124 points for the boys team.

At last Wednesday's banquet, the skiers shared their favorite desserts and checked out the pictorial collage of the team's 2002 season by Annette Alvarez, in addition to the presentation of team awards.



Grayling High School's ski team had nine skiers receive all-conference honors this season, plus Coach Mike Wieland earned "Coach of the Year" honors for his coaching of the girls team for a total of 10 all-league nods. League awards went to: (front, left to right) Patrick McInally, Ben McInally, Eric Hunter, Eric Hart, Keil Clough; (back, left to right) Coach Wieland, Mallory Olson, Heather Vandecar, Kelly Jansen, Andria Alvarez.

## Grayling skier to compete in Nastar Championships

► 10-year-old Michael Olson of Grayling qualifies for ski event

Grayling resident Michael Olson has qualified and will compete in the 2002 Nastar Ski Racing National championships, March 28-31 at Park City Mountain Resort in Park City, Utah.

Olson, 10, qualified by winning a silver medal in his age division at the Nastar Regional Championship at Crystal Mountain Resort, thus earning an automatic qualification. In addition, Olson finished second in his age division via season-long Nastar rankings at Shanty Creek and Schuss Mountain.

Olson will be one of nearly 900 ski racers from throughout the United States who will compete in the event. The national finalists, competing in several categories, will participate in two intense days of ski racing on the same course that hosted the 2002 Olympic Giant Slalom events. On Sunday, March 31, all national champions from each age category following Sunday's competition will compete in the Nastar National

Championships Finale, a winner-take-all race that will determine the true Nastar National Champion for the 2002 season.

The Nastar National Championships is a great opportunity for recreational skiers to showcase their skills and talents in a very competitive environment," said Tommy Moe, a 1994 Olympic Gold Medalist and an official pacesetter for the Nastar National Championships. "Nastar introduced me to competitive ski racing. We could see some of these kids competing at the 2006 or 2010 Winter Olympics."

Nastar National Championship participants qualified either via season-long resort rankings or through one of six regional championships where racers earned an automatic qualification by finishing in the top three in their respective age categories at the events.

Moe, along with four-time Olympian AJ Kitt, current U.S. Ski Team Member Chad Fleischer and 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist Phil

Mahre will serve as official hosts for the Nastar National Championships at Park City Mountain Resort.

Created by Ski Magazine and now in its 33rd year, Nastar is the world's largest recreational ski program, with more than 4.5 million participants since its inception in 1968.

Approximately 100 resorts nationwide conducted Nastar through the winter months, with nearly 75,000 participants for the 2001-2002 winter season. Sponsors of Nastar include the U.S. Ski Team, SKI Magazine, Chevy Trucks, Yahoo! Sports and American Airlines. Through the use of a handicap system similar to golf, skiers of all ages and abilities can compete with one another throughout the season, regardless of when and where they race.

For additional information on the 2002 Nastar National Championships at Park City Mountain Resort, visit: www.nastar.com

## Local athlete excels at senior track & field events

► Stephen Cohen wins shot put at Midwest Masters Championships

Local resident Stephen Cohen recently completed an undefeated 2002 Midwest Indoor Track season with a victory in the shot put at the Midwest Masters Track and Field Championships in New Lenox, Illinois.

Competing in the 60-64 year old age group, Cohen's best performance of the 2002 season came with a record-breaking throw of 13.41 meters (44'1") at the Michigan Masters Indoor Championships held at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids.

Cohen also won two open Masters competitions held at Niles North High School in January, the Illinois State Masters Indoor Meet held in Sterling, Illinois, and an open Masters competition held in Sterling, Illinois, in February.

Cohen's next competition will be at the National Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships in Boston on March 23.

Cohen was a bronze medalist in the shot put at the 2001 National Senior Olympics, a silver medalist at the 2001 National Masters Outdoor Track and Field Championships, and was ranked as one of the top discus throwers in the world in his age group in 2001.

Cohen is a volunteer throw coach for the Grayling High School track team.

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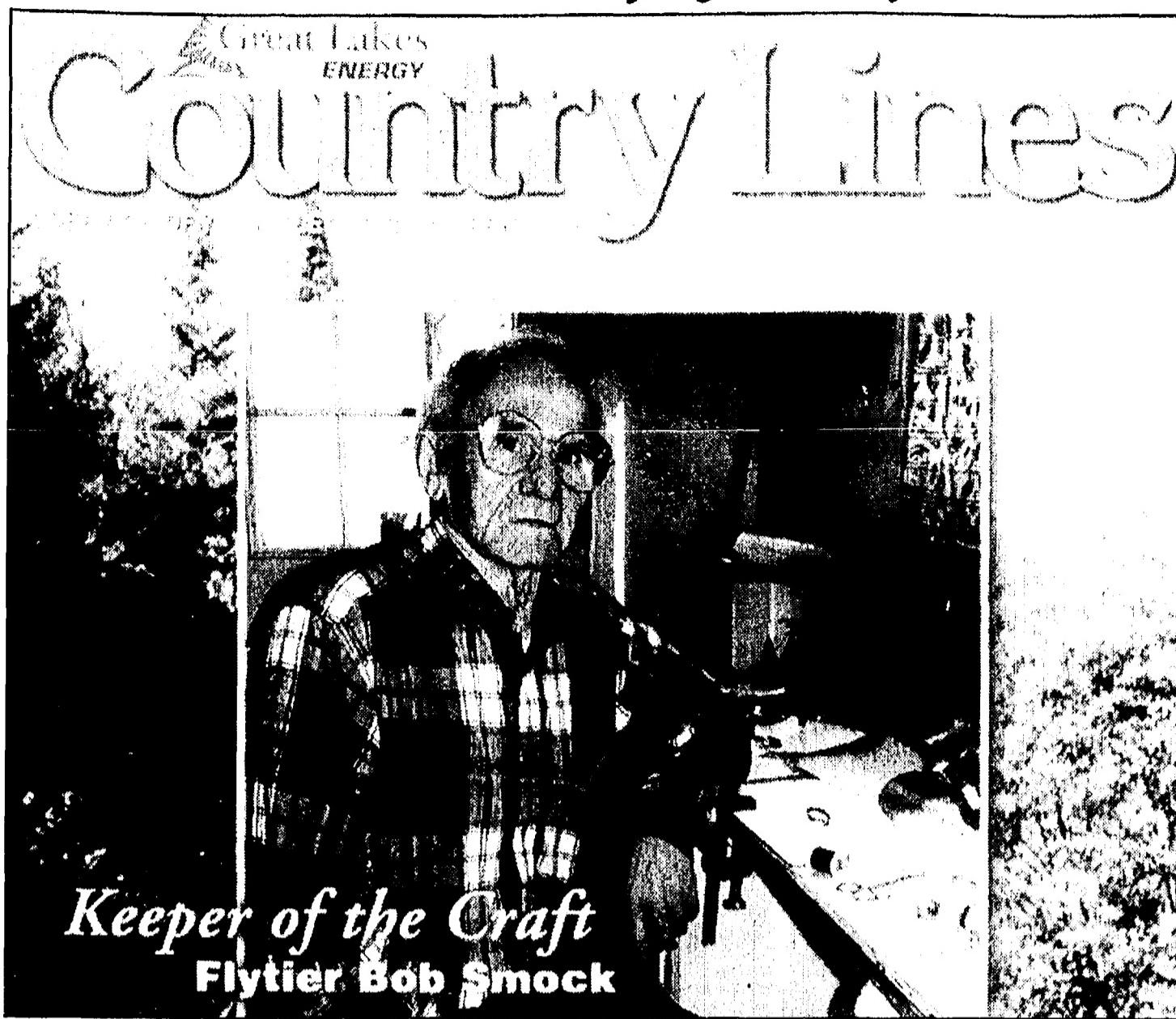
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## Veteran flytier featured



One of Grayling's very own is gracing the cover of the March 2002 edition of *Country Lines*, a magazine published and distributed by Great Lakes Energy, electric provider to much of rural northern Michigan. An article featuring veteran flytier and historian, Bob Smock, fills more than a page of the magazine.

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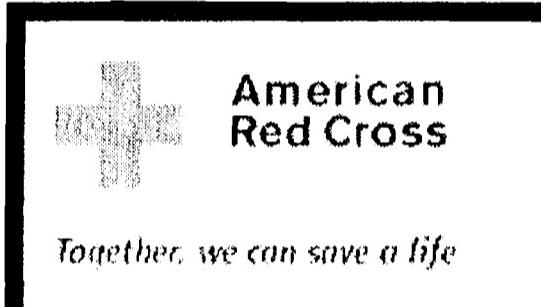


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Recreation	
Glen's Market	27 - 21
Mickey Perez CPA	26 - 22
Woody Girl's	26 - 22
Skyline Ski & C.C.	25.5 - 22.5
Scheer Motors	24.5 - 23.5
Gale Enterprises	23 - 25
Peterson Saw Service	21 - 27
Chicken Little Joint Pro.	19 - 29
High Series: P. D'Amour	584; J. Hinds, 552; K. Moshier, 515.
High Game: P. D'Amour	218; J. Hinds, 212; S. Johnson, 189.
Pioneer	
Avalanche	26 - 14
Millikin's	22 - 18
South Side River Rats	21 - 19
Chemical Bank	21 - 19
McDonald's of Grayling	20 - 20
Aunt Betty's	19 - 21
Custom Interior	18 - 22
Roehle's	13 - 27
High Series: C. Jones	530; S. Johnson, 523; S. Goss, 516.
High Game: T. Helsel	194; S. Goss, 190; C. Jones, 190.
National First	
Hellebuyck Masonry	46 - 31
Faustman's Insurance	42 - 35
Hart Pontiac - GMC	39 - 38
Denholm Chiropractic	38 - 39
Legion Lanes	38 - 39
Ausable Construction	38 - 39
Northern White Tail	37 - 40
Miller's Production	30 - 47
High Series: C. Brill	700; J. Thayer, 635; D. Walker, 629.
High Game: T. Sheldon	263; M. Deming, 247; T. Kotash, 246.
American Men's League	
Deane Systems	35 - 13
Moshier Auto Repair	28 - 20
Barber Construction	25 - 23
Stitches by Sue	24 - 24
Sawmill Tavern	23 - 25
Ghost Team	23 - 25
Gray Rock Cafe	19 - 29
Central MI. Painting	15 - 33
High Series: B. Hollis	569; R. Moshier, 559; D. Canfield, 544.
High Game: R. Moshier	233; S. Dutton, 210; J. Arwood and B. Cincala, 201.
Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles	
Moshier Auto Repair	68 - 30
R & M Masonry	62 - 36
Waste Management	55 - 43
McDonald's	46 - 52
Custom Interior	45 - 53
Helsel Brother's	41 - 57
Wakeley's Auto Parts	35 - 63
Jack's	35 - 63
High Series: R. Moshier	628; J. Helsel, 588; R. Hinds, 561.
High Game: R. Moshier	225; J. Helsel, 208; S. Miller, 201.
High Series Women: J. Hinds, 584;	

Barber Construction	12 - 02
CSI Ind. Systems	12 - 02
McLean's ACE	07 - 07
J. Hinds	210; M. Miller, 197.
<b>Northwood</b>	
Riverland	35 - 13
Corky's Karaoke	27 - 21
R. Calkins and Sons	26.5 - 21.5
Hart Pontiac-GMC	26 - 22
Plaza Bar	24 - 24
R & M Masonry	19 - 29
Hometown	18 - 30
N. Michigan Financial	16.5 - 31.5
High Series: S. Romain	613; M. Starks, 546; J. Cousins, 490.
High Game: S. Romain	231; M. Starks, 206; D. Roman, 195.
<b>Friday Mixed Doubles</b>	
Pick & Sons	35 - 21
Charlies Country Cn.	34.5 - 21.5
Chicken Little Project	32 - 24
Ken's Tire & Auto	30 - 26
Aunt Betty's	30 - 26
Moshier Auto Repair	26 - 30
Double Trouble	24.5 - 31.5
Newlyweds	12 - 44
High Series Men: S. Miller	610; C. Hanson, 564; R. Moshier, 558.
High Series Men: C. Hanson	225; B. Trudeau, 214; S. Miller, 213.
High Series Women: B. Lozon	538; C. Yanniello, 537; S. Johnson, 536.
High Game Women: S. Johnson	203; C. Yanniello, 196; B. Lozon 192.
<b>Seniors</b>	
Grayling Pharmacy	62.5 - 45.5
Cornell Insurance	60.5 - 47.5
Buccilli's Pizza	58 - 50
Spikes Keg O'Nails	54.5 - 53.5
Flowers by Josie	53 - 55
Baynham Wood Products	50 - 58
Halls Snow Removal	47.5 - 60.5
Sylvester's Sports	45 - 63
High Series Men: L. Crampton	589; D. Germain, 562; O. Brantley, 550.
High Game Men: L. Crampton	233.
High Series Women: D. Hollis	552; M. Ryss, 511; D. Mead, 459.
High Game Women: D. Hollis	200.



## March is

## American Red Cross Month

### Health and Safety Services

Almost everyone takes at least one Red Cross course during their lifetime. It might have been a swimming class taken as a youth, or a first aid/CPR course taken at work.

The American Red Cross has been a leader in the health education field for decades. And countless lives have been saved as a result. In 2001, 159 Crawford County residents were certified in various Red Cross courses. One of our local first aid/CPR/AED instructors is Bruce McGuire. "Instructing others in CPR skills is a passion for me," states Bruce. "I worked as a respiratory therapist and director of cardio/pulmonary department at Mercy Hospital, and saw what CPR could do. I would love to see every person learn how to do CPR." The knowledge of the first person on the scene is critical. If that person knows CPR, survival chances significantly improve for the victim. "Taking a few hours to take a class is clearly worth the time invested," stresses McGuire. "Would you know what to do if a loved one suffered a heart attack? If not, sign up for a Red Cross class now." Course schedules are available by calling 800-691-6059.

Jessie Gordon is another long-time Crawford County Red Cross instructor, teaching aquatic courses for 33 years. "For every child that I can make safe in the water, that is one less potential drowning," stated Jessie. She works with children as young as age three. On average, Jessie trains 125 children annually from Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

Jessie's mother, Jean Schmidt, developed an "Aquacize" water exercise course to target seniors and physical therapy patients. Jean led the Aquacize courses in addition to the traditional swim classes, which ran under her leadership for 35 years. One student wrote Jean years later to let her know that the swimming skills she taught resulted in him saving a life.

Jessie carries on the tradition teaching both courses at the Grayling Holiday Inn pool and at the Super 8 pool. To register for swimming or Aquacize classes, contact the MSU Cooperative Extension office at 348-2841.

Interested in learning how to save a life by becoming a Water Safety or a Health & Safety Instructor? Contact the American Red Cross at 800-691-6059 for course details.

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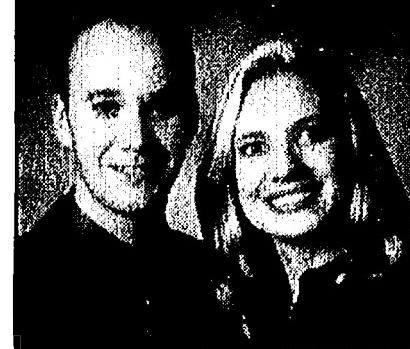
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# Winter fun kicks off Reading Month

► Frederic El students take to the slopes and trails of Hanson Hills

On Friday, March 1, students at Frederic Elementary School were treated to a day of outdoor fun at Hanson Hills, sponsored by Waste Management of Waters. The activity kicked off National Reading Month by providing hands-on learning to complement classroom instruction.

Last March FES students read 8,200 books to earn a "Banana Split Party," and the school's goal this year is to beat that record. This year's kick-off activity was designed by FES staff members Kim VanDriese and Sandy Bayham to celebrate our natural environment and inspire kids to learn more about their world through reading. With new experiences on the trails and slopes at Hanson Hills, students are ready to expand their horizons in literature as well.

Frederic Elementary staff members took groups on cross-country trails, downhill and tubing slopes, delivered box lunches from school, and visited in the lodge. A large number of parents came to share the



Photos courtesy of Donna Pratt

Justin Fields, Cara Miller and Amy Hughes wait in line for another trip down the tubing hill at Hanson Hills during Frederic Elementary's recent trip to the local sports park.

day, and CASD staff members from the other buildings helped out, too. Milli Haug, new CASD

Superintendent, stopped out for a visit, and Deputy Bill Bonkowski gave some pointers to first-time skiers.

(Note: For more photos, see Page 5B.)



Students spent hours on the tubing hill, seen waiting here in line to get "hooked up."



Anthony Allison, FES fourth grader, rides double on top of his friend, to the top of the tubing hill.



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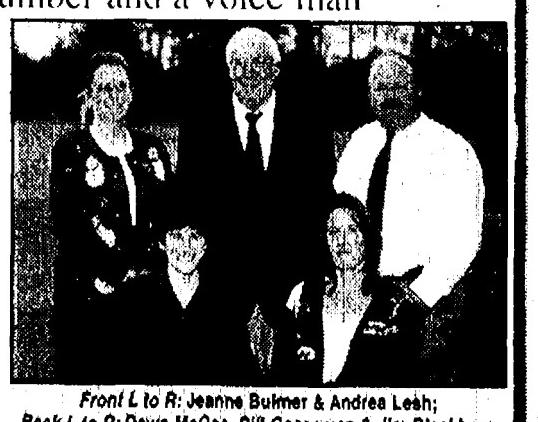
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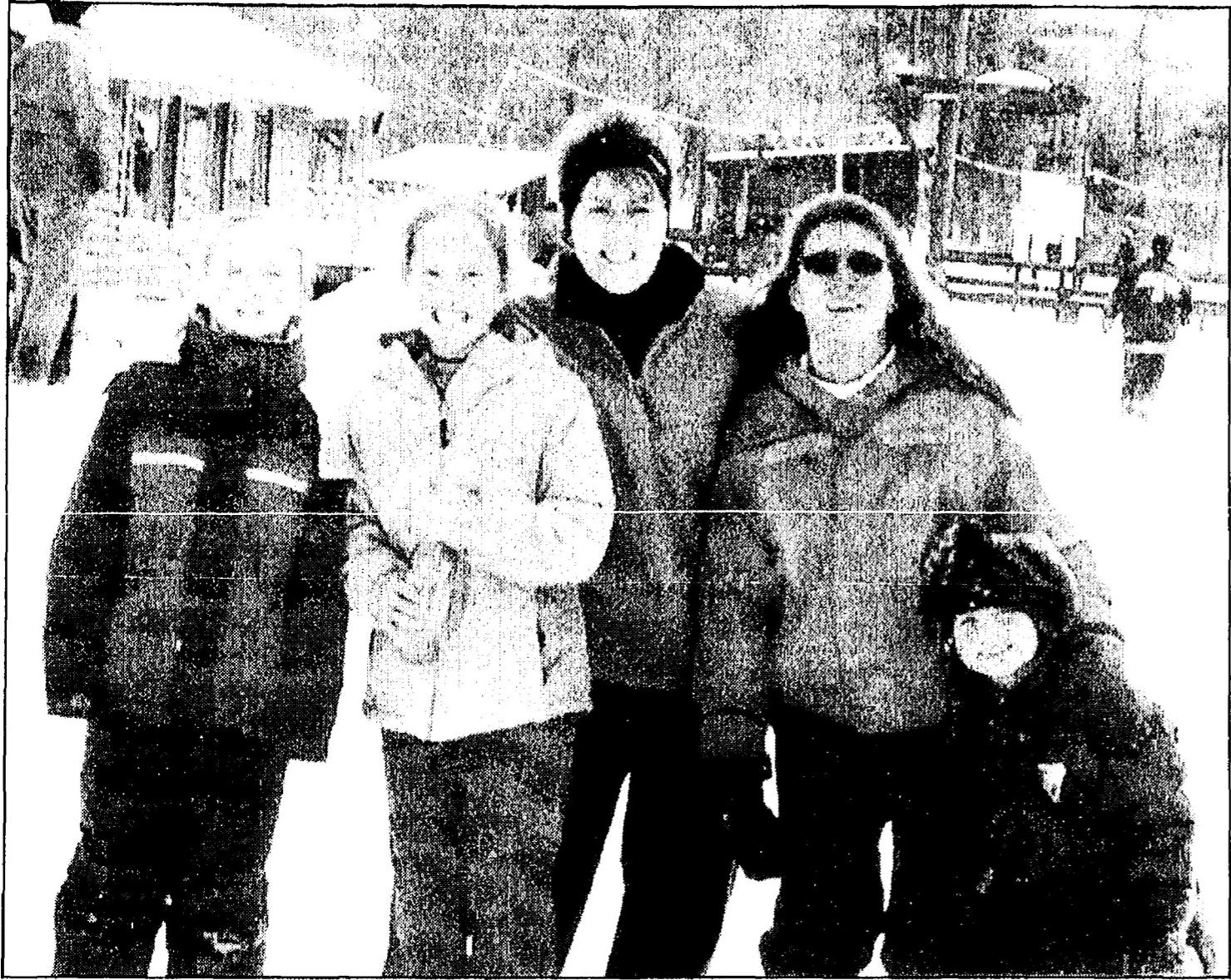
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Waste Management of Waters partnered with Frederic Elementary School to sponsor a recent "Fun Day" at Hanson Hills. Over ninety-five first through fifth graders at Frederic Elementary enjoyed skiing, snowboarding and tubing on March 1 as a kick-off for March Reading Month.

## Winter fun kicks off Reading Month



FES staff members Kim VanDrese and Joan Thompson take a break from the slopes with Laura Johnson, Joni Bindschatel and Wyatt Thompson.



Savannah Port, second grader, shows off her new balancing act in the snow.

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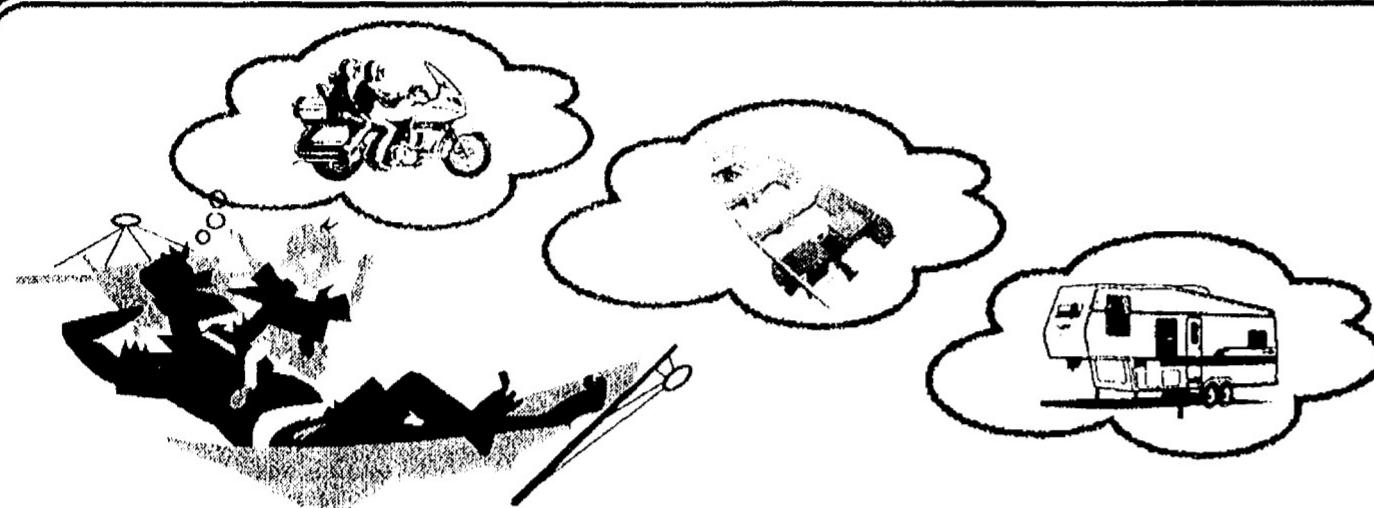
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## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Default has occurred in the following Mortgages given to the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture:

1. Mortgage given by Bonnie S. Barnes dated October 25, 1991 and recorded on October 25, 1991 in Liber 385 on pages 318 through 321 of the Crawford County Records and:

2. Mortgage given by Delmar E. Gasser and Tina M. Avery dated July 11, 1996 and recorded on July 16, 1996 in Liber 114 on pages 498 through 501 of the Crawford County Records.

No proceeding have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three and 2/300 (\$49,123.23) Dollars.

The Mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on May 1, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgages, including interest at the rate of 7.25% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described

in the Mortgages as:

1. Lot 18, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Acting Through the Rural Development  
Agency, F/K/A the Farmers Home  
Administration, of the United States  
Department of Agriculture.

Prepared by:  
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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Donna Keene and Debra Keene (original Mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2000, and recorded on December 1, 2000 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 11/100 dollars (\$62,219.11), including interest at 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 1, Block 3, Karen Woods, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002  
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The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 197 & 198, AuSable Woods #6, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of plats, page 19, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 28, 2002  
Orlans Associates PC  
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As Mortgagee  
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File No. 200 0313

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas L. McMurtie and Sharon L. McMurtie, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank, mortgagee, dated April 18, 1996 and recorded April 26, 1996 in Liber 410, Page 388-391, Crawford County Records.

There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR and 4/100 Dollars (\$17,464.04) including interest at the rate of 11% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2002.

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interests in, or Liens upon, the Lands herein described, and to Theresa Stempkowski (aka Theresa A. Stempkowski) and to her unknown Husband, owners of last recorded title according to the Crawford County

records, and to their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act in their own behalf.

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## Little League still accepting registrations

At registration night, several prizes were handed out to players that signed up: (winner, prize, division) Katlyn Nye, softball bat, girls

softball (ages 7-12); Steven Enos, baseball bat, boys baseball (ages 7-8); Spencer Rasmussen, baseball bat, boys baseball (ages 9-10); Cody



Grayling Little League (2001)

## State Fair may be moving out of Detroit

By Allison Miriani  
Capital News Service

LANSING — The possible relocation of the Michigan State Fair is something that many Detroit area legislators do not want to see.

"From a personal perspective, I went to the State Fair a few times last year and had a great time," said Rep. David Woodward, D-Royal Oak.

A state senator, however, thinks the time has come to move the fair to where it really belongs -- a rural area.

"If we want the fair to have an emphasis on agriculture, we need to move it to where it can," said Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake.

The West Michigan lawmaker introduced a resolution to move the fair from the Detroit area, saying he believes the fair has "run its course in Detroit," and perhaps Michigan State University would be a prime contender for a new site.

"Attendance is going down," Stille said. "Attendance did decrease to 300,000 last year."

In recent years the fair had attendance of 440,000.

The Michigan Department of

Agriculture would have to study any proposed move of the fair state, but MDA Director Dan Wyant is cautious about the idea so far.

"The issue has been the fair losing money and isn't it better to move it to where it can succeed?" asked Wyant. "For us, a lot will depend on how the fair does this year."

Some Detroit area legislators oppose moving the State Fair from the city. This will be the 154th year the event has been held and the 97th year it has been in Detroit.

"I am totally opposed," said Rep. LaMar Lemmons III, D-Detroit. "It has historically been located in Detroit."

"I think it is symbolic of the revitalization of Detroit--if we can revitalize the fair," Lemmons said.

Lemmons also said Detroit offers the fair the greatest potential for a diverse population to attend.

"Our Detroit mass transit can be used to travel to the fair," Lemmons said. "The poor, inner-city people have the availability when the fair is in Detroit."

Woodward agrees with Lemmons.

"I think it is very short-sighted in

thinking we will increase turnout if we move away from where most of the people live," Woodward said.

Rather than moving the fair to a new location, Woodward suggests efforts could be made to restore the fair's excitement.

"I would like to see a greater partnership between the counties, chambers and cities," Woodward said. "We need to really highlight it as a great state event."

But, Stille concedes that the fair needs a new location to increase people's interest in coming.

"The fact is the fair is losing popularity," Stille said. "If we are to save the fair it probably needs a better chance to succeed."

Justin Catcho, a student from Shelby Township agrees that a move may be necessary to improve the fair. Catcho attended the fair one time and had a good time when he was younger.

"I grew up in the Detroit area and it wasn't that big of a deal," Catcho said. "It seems kind of unsafe."

Stille suggests combining something with the Ag Expo at Michigan State University. The Ag Expo is held in June and has an attendance of 30,000 people.

"Compare 30,000 people at the Ag Expo to 400,000 people that come to the Michigan State Fair," Wyant said. "Thirty thousand people is an enormous event for agriculture, but is it going to satisfy the demand for our State Fair?"

Wyant said a possible move to East Lansing is something that needs to be looked into. He also wonders, however, if MSU is interested in hosting the fair.

MSU has been "lukewarm" regarding the possible site location of the fair, Stille said.

"There are so many unknowns, the costs and developments needed," Stille said. "Until all that has been defined I wouldn't say 'yes' either."

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# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 02-6412-DE

Estate of Harry Neil Durfee a/k/a Harry Durfee a/k/a Harry N. Durfee, date of birth March 11, 1923.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Harry Neil Durfee a/k/a Harry Durfee a/k/a Harry N. Durfee, who died at 11695 Regier Road, Roscommon, Michigan died January 21, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Laurie Ann Parkey, named personal representative or proposed

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Date: March 5, 2002  
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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by CHAD E. VENTLINE and NAOMI VENTLINE, husband and wife, whose address is 354 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated May 12, 1994, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on May 13, 1994, in Liber 377 of Crawford County Records on Pages 402 through 405, inclusive, the Borrowers on said date having assumed by virtue of a written Assumption Agreement a prior Mortgage obligation from Doris J. Doe to Rural Development, dated September 22, 1989 and recorded September 22, 1989, in Liber 302 of Crawford County Records on Pages 200 through 203, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on

which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 04/100 (\$62,914.04) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 10, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 6.5 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale, which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford,

and State of Michigan;

Lot 21, RED WING TERRACE, Township of GRAYLING, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 354 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; Tax No. 040-45-770-00-021-00.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. A.

Dated: February 25, 2002  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

44 degrees 59 minutes 33 seconds West along the Northeastly line of said Lot 6, 1.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002

Attorney for : Assignee of Mortgagee  
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
For Information please call:  
(248) 540-7701  
LaSalle National Bank as  
Trustee Under the Pooling and  
Servicing Agreement DTD  
02/01/99 Series 1999-1  
Assignee of Mortgagee

-28-4-11-18

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-5459 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Bill Prescott, single person of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Flagstar Bank, FSB dated the 4th day of August A.D. 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 10th day of August, A.D. 2000, in Liber 515 of Crawford Records, on page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$123,060.05 (one hundred twenty three thousand sixty dollars and five cents) including interest there on at 11.62% (eleven point sixty two) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, A.D. 2002, at 10:00 a.m., o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 20 for a Point of Beginning; Thence North 89 degrees 26 Minutes 00 Seconds West on the Section Line, 237.00 Feet; Thence North 00 degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 300.00 feet; Thence South 89 Degrees 26 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 239.10 feet; Thence South 00 Degrees 24 Minutes 00 Seconds West on Section Line, 300.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID: 062-020-016-040-07

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002

Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58051)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
755 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 310  
Troy, MI 48084

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44 degrees 59 minutes 33 seconds West along the Northeastly line of said Lot 6, 1.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Dated: March 28, 2002

Attorney for : Assignee of Mortgagee  
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ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary D. Isenhauer and Galah J. Isenhauer, husband and wife to Superior Bank, FSB Pacific Equity Division, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 1999, and recorded on March 22, 1999, in Liber 0477, on page 245 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to LaSalle National Bank as trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement DTD 02/01/99 Series 1999-1, by an assignment dated March 10, 1999, and recorded on March 5, 2002, in Liber 572, on page 309 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty thousand two hundred twenty eight and 43/100 Dollars (\$50,228.43), including interest at 9.375 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 1, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 5, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plan thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

Also

Being part of Lot 6, Block 9, Hadley's Second addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records, located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the Westerly corner of said Lot 6, thence North 44 degrees 58 minutes 31 seconds East along the right-of-way of Lake Street and Lot line of said Lot 6, 120.00 feet; thence South 44 degrees 59 minutes 33 seconds East along the Northeastly line of said Lot 6, 90.00 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence South 47 degrees 31 minutes 28 seconds West 25.04 feet; thence South 45 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 1.50 feet; thence South 46 degrees 46 minutes 10 seconds West 95.04 feet; thence South 44 degrees 59 minutes 05 seconds East along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 6, 4.00 feet; thence North 44 degrees 57 minutes 38 seconds East along the Lot line between Lots 5 and 6 of said plat 120.01 feet; thence North

Tax ID: 062-020-016-040-07

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Dated: March 28, 2002

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## FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

Frederic Township is looking for volunteers interested in being on the Park Committee. A letter of interest should be submitted by noon, April 8, 2002 and attendance at the Board Meeting of April 9, 2002 is expected.

Mailing Address: Frederic Township  
P.O. Box 78  
Frederic, MI 49733

Nancy L. Bindschatel, Clerk

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 28, 2002 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

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## BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Bituminous Base Crushing.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

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## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #SU02-03 Requesting Preliminary Plat Approval of Villas Of Maple Forest.

Petitioner: Leo Hagen  
P.O. Box 203  
Roseville, MI 48066-0203

The above case refers to the following described property:

Property Code: 20-020-006-012-020-00

Property Add: 11010 Old 27 North  
Frederic, MI 49733

Property Desc.: COMM AT THE S 1/4 COR OF SEC 6 T28N R3W, TH N 88 DEG 43'00" W 1315.26 FT ALG S LINE OF SD SEC 6: TH N 00 DEG 14'11" W 272.11 FT; TH S 00 DEG 29'55" E 1312.38 FT TO THE POB. BEING PART OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 6 T28N R3W. CONT 28.75 AC ML.

Zoning: MDR

All documents are available at the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department. Comments should be sent to: Building & Zoning Department, 200 W. Michigan Avenue - Annex Building, Grayling, MI 49738.

Joseph Duran - Director

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

Aggregates - F.O.B. Suppliers Pit  
Corrugated Plastic Pipe  
Corrugated Metal Pipe

Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Tom Perry, Chairman  
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Ken Riehle, Commissioner

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**March 29, 1979**

Two Northern Michigan Republicans said today that their districts will reap great benefits from the additional \$3.2 million swamp tax allotment included in a supplemental appropriation bill which passed the House Wednesday. Through legislation passed last term, the money the state pays local units of government for tax-reverted land was raised from 58 cents an acre to \$1.50 an acre. Nearly all of Michigan's 3.5 million acres of tax-reverted land is located in northern Michigan. Counties and townships will each receive 40 percent of the swamp tax monies and schools will receive 20 percent.

Howard Lehti, Grayling High Government instructor, was informed that three high school juniors were recently selected to attend a government training and educational session known as Operation Bentley, sponsored by the Alvin M. Bentley Foundation. Lisa Weiss, Chris Lepsy and Jeff Schrader are planning to attend the two-week session scheduled this year on the campus of Olivet College, located south of Lansing.

Winners of the Junior Judo Olympic Tournament held in Jackson on March 17 are Robert Doty, Maggie Ruddy and Mick Lovely. Robert Doty placed second, Maggie Ruddy and Mick Lovely both placed first in their divisions. They are now qualified and will be competing in Cleveland, Ohio on or about May 19 for National consider-

ation.

With the recent arrival of the new Ultrasound System at Mercy Hospital, Grayling, dreams related to the expansion and renovations program are quickly becoming realities. The recent installation of the system represent only a small fraction of the improvements planned in medical service at Mercy Hospital. In addition, a Mammography System will be added as part of the expansion and renovation program.

### 46 Years Ago

**March 29, 1956**

Traffic accidents in Crawford County were in a definite downward trend thus far in 1956, a check of the accident file of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department revealed this week. Thus far in 1956, only four accidents have occurred in the county, outside of Grayling. There was one in January, two in February and so far in March, only one or a total of four. All four were of the property damage variety with no personal injury involved.

Michigan's mayors and village presidents learned Tuesday where they will spend Monday, May 21. That is the date they all swap towns and rule for a day as a feature of Michigan Week, May 20-26. The exchange cities were "paired" at the annual exchange of mayors drawing held in Lansing. Mayor A. L. Roberts of Grayling is to exchange with the Sand Lakes mayor. Sand Lake is a community of 394, located on US-131 about 25 miles north of Grand Rapids.

On Wednesday, March 14th, at a meeting in Detroit, Sisters of Mercy formally accepted the completed plans and specifications for the new Mercy Hospital of Grayling. This action followed approval by the Regional Office of the Federal Government in charge of distribution of Hill Burton Act funds for hospital construction. Plans will be sent to interested contractors and bids returned by May 9.

### 69 Years Ago

**March 30, 1933**

At a meeting held Wednesday evening, March 29th, at 8 o'clock in the Board of Trade rooms, a new organization was formed and launched into the civic life of this community. This organization is to be known as the Grayling Unit of the Michigan Railroad Employees and Citizens League.

Last weekend, Grayling's basketball fans, who are numerous, and many visitors from Roscommon, Gaylord, Frederic and other places enjoyed Grayling's second annual independent tournament. It was a success from every standpoint and the Lumberjacks who sponsored it have reason to feel proud of the large crowds it drew and the fine exhibition of team-play displayed.

Charles Fehr has been laid up the past week as the result of an injury he received last Thursday, when he got his foot caught and lost his balance, falling off the rear of Chris Hoesli's truck. He landed on his left shoulder and received some bad bruises that have kept him in the house since.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Madsen and baby returned home Saturday from the west where they spent the winter. They left Grayling last

September and visited relatives in Idaho, Iowa and Washington. Clare says that everything is at a standstill in the west and farmers, in the absence of a market for their produce, are feeding it to livestock. Just imagine prime bean-fed mutton, potato-fed beef, alfalfa-fed chickens, etc.

### 92 Years Ago

**March 31, 1910**

Time to rake up the yards and make gardens.

Only 82 in the shade Tuesday. How is that for spring, gentle Annie?

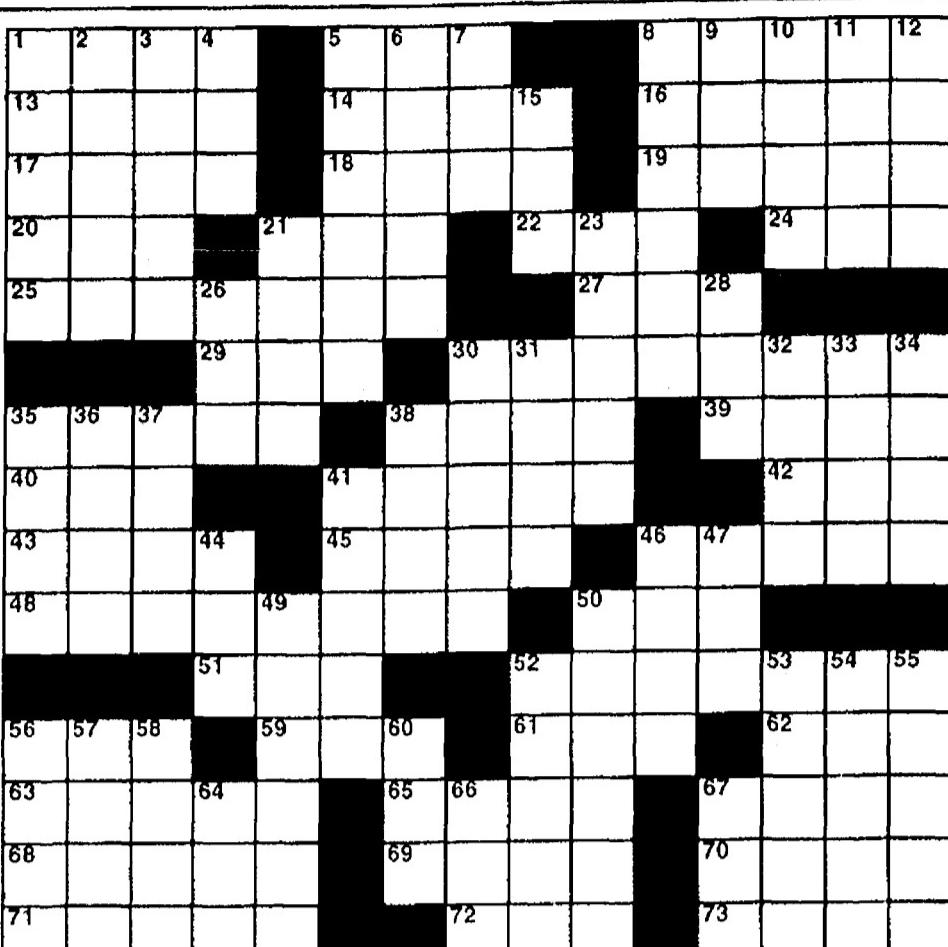
Yesterday morning several large flocks of wild geese were observed winding their way northward.

Grayling High School team went to Roscommon Friday to play the High School of that village. Out of consideration for our boys we won't mention the score.

An alarm of fire Monday caused a little excitement, but no particular damage, except the scare on account of a high wind blowing toward the business part of the village. Sparks from the chimney set fire to the roof of Victor Sorenson's house south of the new Russell Hotel, but it was extinguished without the aid of the department.

We hear that Walter Shaw and his brother, Bert, had great sport on School Section Lake Tuesday. In three hours by the watch they yanked out 264 nice perch. Just before they left the lake a flock of 28 wild geese circled around and lit on the lake and the boys hiked for home and went back with their Winchesters and succeeded in killing two of the geese, one weighing 12 and the other 13 pounds.

# CROSSWORD



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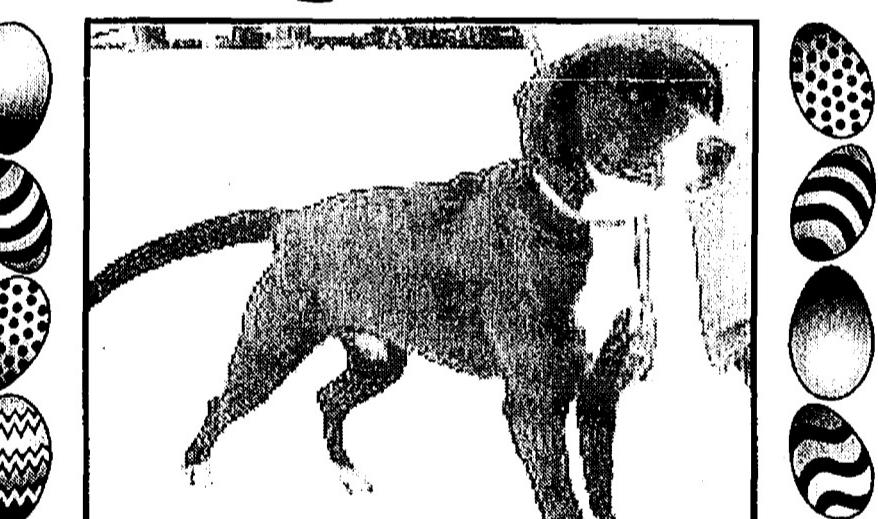
1. A French abbot
5. NBC and CBS rival
6. Absorption unit
13. Sheep noises
14. Yeast
16. A collection of maps
17. Ths: Spanish
18. Spumante (Italian wine)
19. Froth
20. A pituitary hormone that stimulates the function of the thyroid gland
21. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
22. Sound to express relief
24. Corpuscle count, abbr.
25. Cowards
27. Medical: shortened form
29. Lily \_\_\_, frog's hangout
30. Occurring every fall, for example
35. Professional wrestlers Bret and Owen, et al.
38. Bodies: shortened form
39. About aviation: prefix
40. Environmental Protection Agency: abbr.
41. Tortoises' racing opponents
42. Ancient: abbr.
43. List of foods in a restaurant
45. Kwa
46. Chinese province
48. Looks at carefully
50. "Hee-\_\_"
51. Genus of macaws
52. Can't move
56. A container in the form of a sack or pouch
59. Insertable birth control device
61. Female sheep
62. Government language
63. Hurls
65. Overgarments
67. Cain and \_\_\_
68. Oil
69. Story; legend
70. \_\_\_ mater, one's school
71. Onions
72. Not him
73. Comprehend words in a book or magazine

### DOWN

1. Aids
2. Vocalists
3. Places to wash oneself
4. Compass point midway between E and SE
5. Humiliated
6. A relation that provides the foundation for something
7. Cathode-ray tube: abbr.
8. Bands or ribbons worn about the waist or shoulder
9. Adenosine triphosphate: abbr.
10. Snudge into a haze
11. Unstressed-stressed in poetic rhythm
12. Nanosecond: abbr.
15. Farrow, actress
21. Herbaceous plants
23. Get together
26. Seaport, abbr.
28. Dead on arrival: abbr.
30. Short-billed rails
31. Biblical garder.
32. Tide
33. Thomas \_\_\_, British composer, 1700
34. \_\_\_ Ness (Scottish lake)
35. A complex red organic pigment containing iron
36. The highest point of something
37. Type genus of the Ranidae
38. To cook, in a way
41. West German city
44. \_\_\_ Thurman, actress
46. Type of rabbit
47. Be in debt
49. Pigmented parts of eyes
50. Large, heavy rope for nautical use
52. Norman Vincent \_\_\_ author
53. Dark brownish black
54. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
55. Caesar, fruit or egg, for example
56. Semitic fertility god
57. Pimples
58. Clarified butter used in Indian cooking
60. Digital Audio Tape: abbr.
64. Large northern deer with enormous flattened antlers in the male
66. \_\_\_ humbug!
67. Swiss river

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## Adopt a Pet



This black and white female lab mix is really cute. She speaks and does several tricks. She is 9 months to 1 year old and seems to be housebroken. There are many dogs and cats waiting for adoption at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Please call 348-4117 for more information on this female lab or any other animal. Or, email: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Animals from the shelter will be featured Monday, April 1 on the 9 and 10 News morning program's "Pet Project." Be sure to tune in.

Remember that all pets adopted from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County receive FREE health insurance for the first two months in their new home. The insurance covers most diseases common to animals that come from shelters and even some accidents that may occur after you take them home. All you have to do is call an 800 number to activate it when you take your new pet home.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 11am After hours appointments available.

WEATHER			
Courtesy of the City of Grayling			
Last Week			
Date	H	L	Snow
3/20	43	19	5
3/21	35	16	3
3/22	18	11	5
3/23	21	12	5
3/24	30	1	5
3/25	29	-5	5
3/26	28	3	5

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 38 Low 26	High 43 Low 27	High 41 Low 23	High 41 Low 21	High 42 Low 21
Partly Cloudy	Rain/ Snow	Rain/ Snow	Showers	Mostly Cloudy



3 cups cooked chicken, shredded  
1 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
1/4 cup prepared basil pesto  
2 teaspoons honey mustard  
1/3 cup finely chopped roasted red peppers  
1/3 cup finely chopped red onion  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 package (5 oz.) mixed salad greens  
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar & oil dressing  
Golden Aioli: recipe follows  
Tomato-Basil Relish: recipe follows

In large bowl, mix together chicken, 1/2 cup of the bread crumbs, mayonnaise, egg, pesto, honey mustard, roasted peppers and red onion. Using a 1/3-cup measure, shape chicken mixture into 8 cakes; lightly coat each with remaining 1/2 cup bread crumbs. In large nonstick frypan, place oil over medium high heat. Add chicken and cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side; drain on paper towels. Toss salad greens with dressing and divide among 4 serving plates. Top each with 2 chicken cakes; drizzle with Golden Aioli. Top each cake with dollop of Tomato-Basil Relish. Makes 4 servings.  
*Golden Aioli:* In small bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup mayonnaise and 2 tablespoons honey mustard.  
*Tomato-Basil Relish:* In small bowl, mix together 1 cup seeded and chopped plum tomatoes, 1/3 cup chopped red onion, 3 tablespoons (drained) chopped sundried tomatoes, 2 tablespoons slivered basil leaves, 2 tablespoons prepared balsamic vinegar & oil dressing and 1 teaspoon prepared basil pesto.

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both humans and chimps have equal amounts of hair per surface area. Chimps hair is heavier.



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HOROSCOPES											
For the Week of March 28, 2002											
	Know what's going on around you and remember that much is happening behind closed doors. Support comes from an unexpected source.		Get all the information before making a major purchase. Someone in authority is watching out for your interests. Now is the time to balance and simplify your life.		Step back and study the situation before making any moves—look before you leap! Keep a lower profile and get more done. A home project needs your attention.		Helping friends and family gives you a clearer picture. Refuse to be drawn into a dispute. Relationships are highlighted and you'll know just the right things to say and do.		You're in for a pleasant surprise as things that were once hidden come to light. Health, exercise and diet plans need to be monitored.		Take some time alone or with friends to recharge your batteries. Someone you admire offers to help—accept it graciously. A small purchase makes you feel better.
	Someone close to you shares your feelings and dreams. Your intuition is on target. You're in for a pleasant surprise, but don't go overboard with buying plans.		Be diplomatic when called on to settle a dispute. Clearing the air will help resolve the issue and impress someone watching from a distance. Look within to stay balanced.		Open your mind to a new source of learning. Develop your skills and get involved in an organization. An old friend returns a favor. Set aside time for family and friends.		Focus on what's important and don't let anything distract you. Catch up on chores around the house. Keep a special date on your calendar.		Spending extra time at home tops your to-do list. Tackle a long-delayed project or call in some friends and cut chores down to size. A blast of brightness your life!		You may need to take a more active role in helping people close to you. Rest assured, what goes around comes around and help will be there when you need it.
December 22–January 19	Capricorn	March 21–April 19	Aries	June 22–July 22	Cancer	September 23–October 22	Libra	October 23–November 21	Scorpio	August 23–September 22	Virgo
January 20–February 18	Aquarius	April 20–May 18	Taurus	July 23–August 22	Leo	November 22–December 21	Pisces	December 22–January 19	Sagittarius	February 19–March 18	Gemini

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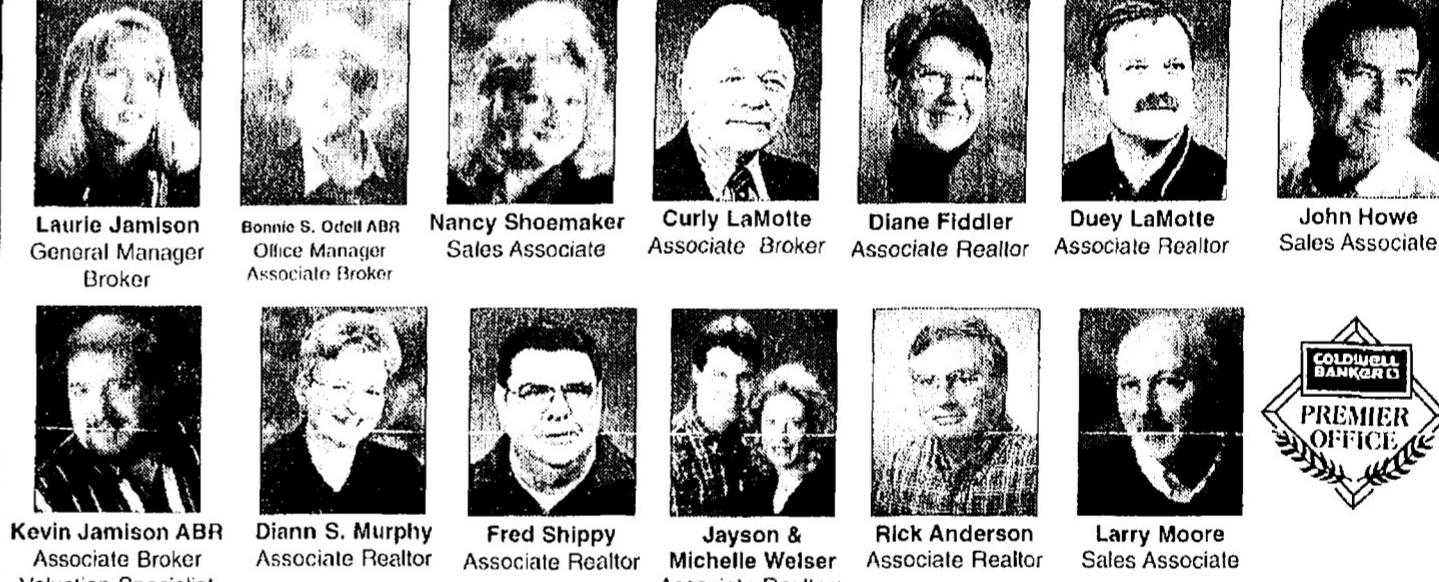
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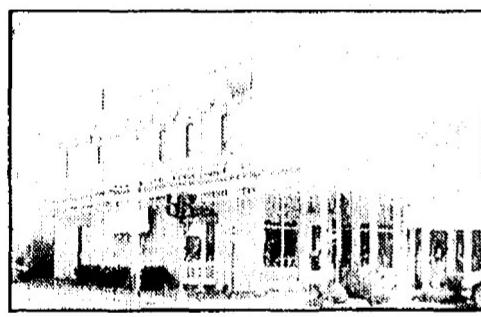


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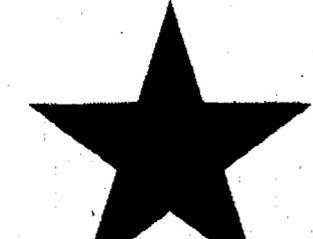


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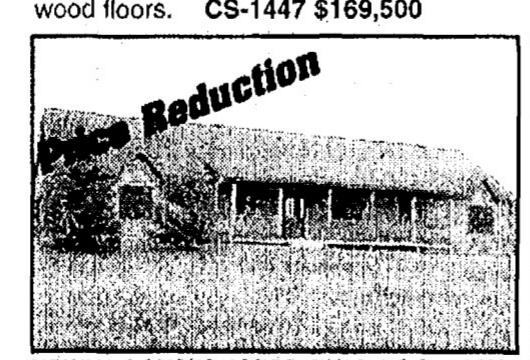
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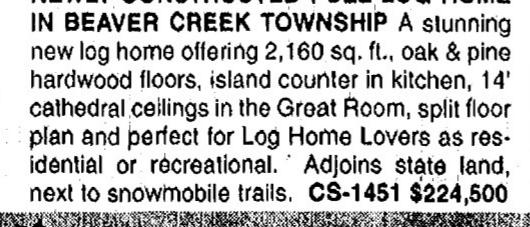
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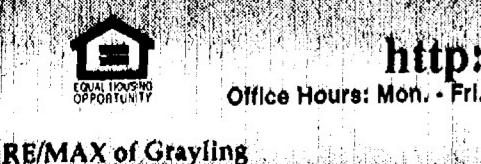
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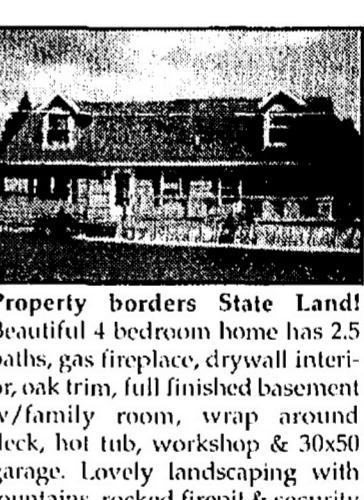
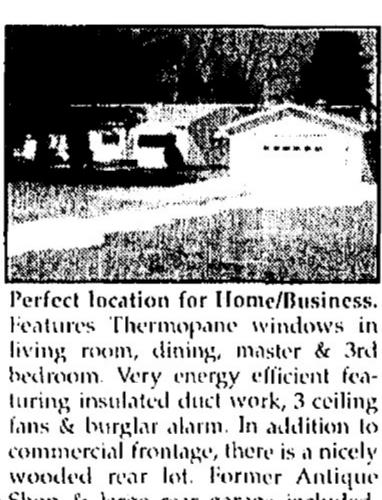
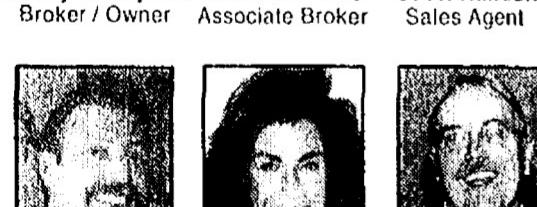
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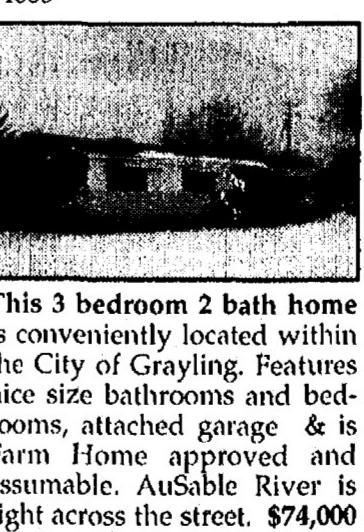
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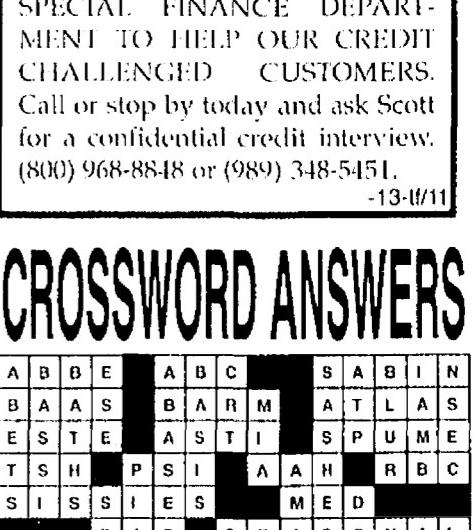
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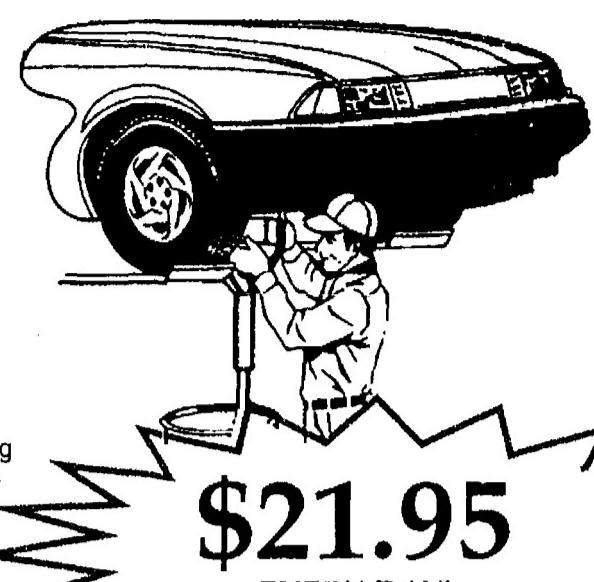
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No need for rubbernecking from the sidewalk. This 1914 automobile crash attracted a crowd of serious onlookers. No information was available on how the driver or passengers fared. AAA celebrates 100 years of serving American motorists this month.

that offers a wide array of automotive, travel and financial services to its 44 million members nationwide. Although designated a non-profit entity, AAA is not exempt from taxation.

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